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HOSTILE CONCLAVE.

MR. BLACK AND MEETING AT THE BANK.

TREASURY OFFICIAL STILL UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION.

THE "FORGERY" ACTION.

Mr. T. Black, the Treasury Accountant, spent the whole of the morning in the witness-box at the Supreme Court to-day, facing cross-examination by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, counsel for the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in the action by the Government for the recovery of \$260,000, debited under the Carvalho Yeo frauds.

In the course of the morning, Mr. Black entered upon the third day of his personal testimony in the case. He went into the box on Tuesday morning last week, and was cross-examined all day on Wednesday, since when, until to-day, the court has been adjourned.

The witness told the Court that when he visited the Bank after the discovery of the colossal frauds, the interview was abnormal inasmuch as the gathering was hostile to him. He agreed that such hostility had not been in evidence on any prior occasion.

When it was suggested that Treasury cheques might have been signed in blank to save time at the end of the month, Mr. Black said he would consider such a procedure to be absolute madness.

MR. F. C. JENKIN ON ROUTINE.

Mr. Black, cross-examined in regard to the interview at the bank, said that the fact that the signature was on the cheque was the factor on which he based his opinion that it was not genuine.

It was on the surrounding circumstances that you were satisfied that you had not signed it?—Yes.

You could not have signed it on account of the payee and the amount?—Yes.

If that was the sole matter which convinced you that the signature was not genuine, did you state any reasons at this interview?—I was not there to state reasons. My business was to get those cheques and take them back to the Treasurer.

Did the auditors say that the names of the two Chinese payees seemed familiar and that they sounded like Government contractors?—I have no recollection of their saying so.

You were the one person present whose writing purported to be on the cheques?—Yes.

Nothing More To Say.

It would have been a simple matter, would it not, to have said "Look here it is impossible to consider these cheques as genuine as I tell you I have never signed a cheque in those names for such amounts?"

I did say that it was not mine. If that did not convince them they were forgeries, I had nothing more to say.

Do you recollect Mr. Hegarty saying that the writing in the body of the cheque looked familiar to him?—I do not recollect that.

Mr. Jenkin recalled what witness had said during cross-examination at the criminal trial and asked "You said nothing to me as to your statement that the cheques were forged?"

Witness:—I said it at the last trial.

Mr. Jenkin:—Did you say anything to me about it?—If you say not, I accept that.

And that it was in re-examination that the statement was first made by you?—Yes.

Hostile Gathering.

Did you at any time during the interview at the bank express any doubt as to the genuineness of the signature?—I expressed no doubt. I definitely said the signature was not mine.

I put it to you that, on the contrary, after a general examination of the cheques, and to the query raised, you expressed doubt that the signature in the cheques was yours?—You are absolutely wrong.

It was an ordinary interview?—No.

Then what was abnormal?—I looked upon it as a hostile gathering.

That the party was hostile to you?—Yes.

Had that hostility been evidenced on any prior occasion?—As far as I recollect, no.

Can you assign any reason for it on that occasion?—No.

Mr. Jenkin went on to deal with the letter written by the bank on the day after the interview, and asked if witness could understand why the letter was written if he had made it clear that the cheque was a forgery.

Witness replied that he did not know the bank's reason for writing the letter.

In reply to other questions he said the letter seemed to indicate that the bank knew there was some question of the cheques being forgeries.

"Dirty Work."

Mr. Jenkin:—And it also suggests that there might have been some dirty work, shall I call it, at the Treasury?—I don't know what their reason was.

Was there any suggestion that there might have been foul play in the Treasury?—I think the possibility was expressed that we should find everything all right when we got back to the Treasury.

When you got back to the Treasury what was done in the way of clearing up the query which had been raised by the three cheques?—Nothing was done by me.

Anything done on your instructions?—I don't think I did anything except stop payment on the second block of thirty cheques.

What was done by you or on your instructions?—There was a search for the cheque book covers.

That is all you can recollect being done either by you or on your instructions with regard to clearing up this matter?—I think I asked Mr. Proctor to get the receipts for the two cheque books from the bank.

His Own Work To Do.

Further questioned on the point Mr. Black said he did not know what the other people were doing all the time. Tsang was called into the Treasurer's office about the thirty cheques and he thought that was before Mr. King, the head of the C.I.D., arrived.

Mr. Jenkin:—As accountant your responsibility would be pointed in this matter?—Yes.

Then I don't understand. What did you do?—I had my own work to do.

In reply to other questions, witness said that the office was closed to the public as usual on that day at five o'clock. He did nothing after five o'clock as Mr. King had then taken charge.

Mr. Jenkin:—I put it to you that both Tsang and Chun were absolutely silent as to cheques being missing until after the discovery had been made independently of them. Is that correct?

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NEW WAR CLOUDS IN CHINA.

FENG AND CHIANG AT LOGGERHEADS.

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT OVER WEEK-END.

FEARS INTENSIFIED.

Shanghai, Apr. 28.

Fears of a rupture between Feng Yu-hsiang and Chiang Kai-shek, and of an outbreak of hostilities in the near future, have been intensified by a series of significant developments over the week-end, pointing to a definite break.

Feng maintains his protestations of allegiance to the National Government, but it is becoming doubtful if he includes a maintenance of friendship with Chiang in his protestations.

Feng's Displeasure.

All Kuomintang troops in Shantung have been ordered to evacuate, General Sun Liang-sing, Feng's subordinate, who was recently appointed Civil Governor of Shantung, has resigned on the grounds of ill-health, and the leading supporters of Feng Yu-hsiang in Nanking, have left the city.

Nanking leaders are reported to be puzzled by the sudden turn in events, which suggest Feng's displeasure at the recent orders of Chiang Kai-shek with regard to the stationing of troops in Shantung.

The First Move.

The first indication of trouble reached Nanking on Friday in the form of a telegram from General Sun Liang-sing stating that he was indisposed. In the evening another announced that General Sun was "dangerously ill" and the intention of ordering the whole of the Kuomintang troops to return to Honan.

On Saturday morning, General Sun Liang-sing's resignation from the post of Civil Governor was announced, and he mentioned that there were sufficient numbers of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's troops in the Tsinanfu area to guarantee peace and order.

Tension Increases.

Tension increased when it was learned that the acting Minister of War, General Lu Chung-lin, Feng's right-hand man, had left Nanking for Shanghai with General Miao Bin, another of Feng's subordinates.

The next to leave was Mr. Y. L. Tong, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, another nominee of Feng Yu-hsiang, and incidentally a relative. All the principal officials of the North-Western Banking Corporation in Nanking, an institution controlled by Feng, have also made a sudden exit from the capital.

It had been arranged that Feng's troops should occupy certain parts of Shantung to-morrow (Monday), but it is believed that the "Christian" General who had been promised Shantung as his prize for his victorious campaign against the Fengtien forces, and who has been put off time after time, is not content with half the loaf.

Nanking Action.

A conference has been held in Nanking between General Ho Ying-ching, Sun Fo, Wu Han-min and others with regard to the new situation, and telegrams have been exchanged with Chiang Kai-shek. It is reported that Chiang has returned to Hankow from Changsha in view of the developments.

It is also understood that General Chen Tui-yuan has been appointed acting Civil Governor of Shantung, and that he has been ordered to proceed immediately to Tsinanfu with a Division of his army.

DAVIS CUP CONTEST.

AUSTRIA ELIMINATED BY CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.

Vienna, Apr. 28.

In the first round of the Davis Cup Competition (European Zone) Czecho-Slovakia defeated Austria by three matches to two. Results:

DUKE'S MESSAGE TO COLONY.

"WISH WE COULD HAVE STAYED LONGER."

GOVERNOR'S REPLY.

"I shall ever have the happiest recollections of my first visit to Hongkong, and we all wish we could have stayed longer." So runs part of the message which H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester sent from H.M.S. Suffolk to H. E. the Governor under date of yesterday.

His Excellency, in reply, stated how much His Royal Highness's message was appreciated, and wished him and his Mission all success. The full text of the telegrams is as follows:

To Governor, Hongkong, from H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, H.M.S. Suffolk.—I much enjoyed my stay in Hongkong, and wish to thank you for your very kind hospitality to myself and members of my Mission. Please convey to all the officers and officials concerned an expression of my warm appreciation of the admirable arrangements made for my reception and to the British and Chinese communities for their generous welcome and entertainment. I shall ever have the happiest recollections of my first visit to Hongkong and we all wish we could have stayed longer.

To H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, H.M.S. Suffolk, from Governor, Hongkong.—The grateful message of Your Royal Highness is greatly appreciated by the whole Colony and by the officers and officials mentioned to whom I have duly conveyed it. We were delighted to have this opportunity of entertaining Your Royal Highness and the members of your Mission, and we cordially share your wish that it might have been possible for Your Royal Highness to stay a little longer among us. We wish Your Royal Highness and your Mission all success and a pleasant voyage.

SERIOUS WATER OUTLOOK.

AGGRAVATED BY INFLUX OF CHINESE.

POPULATION GROWS.

Anxiety in connexion with the water situation increases. What rain has fallen has had no effect whatever on the water level in the reservoirs and unless there is a heavy fall almost immediately, drastic restrictions will be imposed next month.

A fall of at least ten inches is necessary for the restrictions to be entirely removed, and as at the moment there appears no prospect of this taking place, the inhabitants of the Colony will have to face as cheerfully as they can a considerably restricted supply for some time to come.

The situation has been aggravated by reason of the fact that there has been a considerable influx of Chinese into the Colony quite recently. For the past fortnight, the excess of arrivals over departures numbered more than 25,000, all of whom, of course, take their share of the Colony's limited water supply.

It is interesting to note that in January there was an excess of Chinese departures over arrivals of 1,079, while in February the population of the Colony further decreased by 7,995. The figures for March showed that 6,794 people left the Colony over and above those who arrived here. The drop in the figures continued during the early days of April, when from the 1st to the 6th, the excess of departures over arrivals was 10,476.

In contrast to these figures, the population of Hongkong has shown a remarkable increase since April 6. For the week ending April 13, there was an excess of 13,102 arrivals over departures, while for the week ending on the 20th there was an increase of another 10,391 people.

The Royal Observatory reports that the depression remains to the north of Japan and the secondary has filled up. Shallow depressions are also indicated over Tongking and the Eastern Sea. Pressure is relatively high over the China Sea and in the Pacific to the east of the Bonins. The forecast till noon to-morrow is—S. W. or variable winds, moderate; cloudy, occasional rain.

GRIM HARBOUR TRAGEDY.

HOW TWO GIRLS MET THEIR DEATH.

LAD ACCUSED OF FOISTING CRIME ON ANOTHER.

COURT TRIAL OPENS.

The grim story of a harbour tragedy which occurred on March 18th, when two young girls, the daughters of a junkmaster, were done to death on a dinghy, was related by the Crown at the Central Police Court this morning.

In opening the case against Chau Kau, aged 20 years, charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton with the murder of the two girls, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, said that the two girls with their father and a younger brother, lived on a junk registered as No. 1033V. With them also lived the prisoner, who was engaged on the craft as a foki.

On March 18th, the junk was tied up alongside the S.S. Shantung, lying in the stream. The young boy went ashore to school, as was his custom, and somewhere about two o'clock in the afternoon, the two girls also went ashore, being sent by their father to get some business for the junk.

At 6 o'clock, a dinghy was sent from the junk to fetch them, but it did not return. Becoming anxious, the junkmaster himself went ashore at 10 o'clock, and searched the Wing Lok Wharf and vicinity without discovering any trace of the dinghy, or its occupants.

Bodies Found.

The next day, he got a friend to continue the search. A steam launch was hired and eventually the dinghy was picked up quite close to Green Island, with the dead body of the younger girl in it. She had been murdered and badly mutilated.

On March 25th, a police launch, in charge of Lance Sergeant Oliver, picked up the body of the other girl, bearing marks of injuries on her temple, on the crown of the head and in the back. It was floating between Buoys 39 and 41.

These constituted the circumstantial facts connected with the case. As to the direct evidence of murder, the young son of the junkmaster would speak of having been an eye-witness of the crime, and would say the prisoner was the perpetrator of that crime.

He would say that on returning from school, somewhere about 4.30 in the afternoon, he went down to the Wing Lok Wharf and there met his two sisters. With them he waited so that they should be taken back to the junk on the dinghy.

Unusual Course.

The prisoner arrived with the dinghy, but in consequence of some delay, occasioned by the business which the girls had on hand, the boat did not leave the wharf until 8 p.m.

But instead of making direct for the junk, the prisoner appeared to have taken an extraordinary course. Working the oar at the stern, with one of the girls at the bows, he was pulling in the direction of Stonecutters. After they had gone some considerable distance, the prisoner suddenly picked up one of the bottom planks of the boat, and struck the elder girl. Her sister, who was pulling an oar at the bows, turned round, and she in her turn was also assaulted, being sooner than grasped the boy's throat.

The boy would say that one sister then fell into the bottom of the boat, and the other, the elder one, dropped into the water. The prisoner then grasped the boy's throat, and stabbed his wrists, a struggle ensuing until the boy fell overboard.

Unconscious When Rescued.

Grasping the gunwale, he held on, but was forced to let go his hold when the prisoner stabbed again at his wrist. Swimming away, he managed to keep afloat, until he was fortunately picked up by an unconscious state. On recovering in Hospital, he told his story to the police.

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U.S. POLICY LAUDED.

BRITISH SIMILARITY OF OUTLOOK.

FOREIGN SECRETARY ON LATEST DISARMAMENT MOVES.

NOTABLE DECLARATION.

A striking pronouncement stressing the similarity of outlook and viewpoint in the policies of the United States and Great Britain was made at Wakefield on Saturday by Sir Austen Chamberlain, speaking enthusiastically of what he described as a notable declaration made by Mr. Hugh Gibson, the principal American delegate in the Preparatory Conference on Disarmament at Geneva.

The British Foreign Secretary compared the policy steadily pursued by Great Britain with the contribution of Mr. Gibson, and said they revealed the close contact of thought in England and on the other side of the Atlantic.

"If," he said, "we had had to consider only their needs and ours, we would have made a broad and large gentlemen's agreement long ago, expressive of the confidence we have in each other."

Sir Austen endorsed every point of Mr. Gibson's declaration, which he regarded as a valuable contribution to the cause of disarmament and peace.

HOPEFUL SIGN OF SUCCESS.

London, Apr. 28.

"Mr. Hugh Gibson's declaration is notable in many ways," said Sir Austen Chamberlain, in the course of a speech at an open air meeting at Wakefield to-day, when he made a pronouncement regarding the British Government's attitude on disarmament.

"Mr. Gibson's declaration has, I think, paved the way for a real advance in that movement towards disarmament which all the world desires and needs."

"But it has a special interest for us because it shows once again how close in these matters are the policies of the United States and Great Britain, and how similar we are in our outlook and in our viewpoint."

Moral Disarmament.

"Mr. Gibson dwelt on the importance which the signature of the Kellogg Pact had for the problem of disarmament. I agree with him. It is something like four years ago that, speaking in the Assembly of the League at Geneva, I said that the moral disarmament was the preliminary to the physical disarmament of nations. Mr. Gibson, in expressing the opinion of his government and of President Hoover, dwells upon the new outlook which we ought to bring to these matters in the light of the solemn engagements which we have taken, not to have recourse to war as an instrument of policy."

"But our agreement does not stop there. Mr. Gibson defines the purpose and the object of the United States as being to secure in the naval field, not merely limitation of armaments, but a reduction of armaments, and a reduction which shall not be applied to this or that class only, but shall be applied to every class of vessel."

Policy Accepted.

"I have already in the House of Commons and the Premier has, in the country, expressed our full adherence to and our acceptance of this policy as declared by the United States, because between them and us there is no difference of purpose, no difference of principle."

"We too desire not merely the limitation but the reduction of armaments."

"We too desire not merely a partial reduction applied to certain classes of warships, but a reduction applied throughout the whole field of naval construction."

Broad and Large Agreement.

"And, as between them and us, I do not hesitate to declare my profound conviction that at no time would an arrangement have been difficult for between them and us war is a contingency that no sane or responsible man will contemplate as a possibility of the policy which he pursues."

"If we had had to consider only their needs and ours, we would have made a broad and large gentlemen's agreement long ago expressive of the confidence that we have in one another—of the confidence that we have that each of us signed these international undertakings in good faith and with a resolve to keep them in the spirit as well as in the letter."

"We could have said to them: 'Trusting to you that you build what is required for your needs, we will build only what is required for the necessities of our defence; we do not have to consider the naval forces of the United States.'"

The Problem.

"What is the problem?" continued Sir Austen. "I stated last February, in words which I venture to repeat to-day, that it was not whether the United States Navy would be equal to our own. We had accepted fully, and with intention, the position of parity with the United States."

"It was not that they wanted reduction and we did not. We desired reduction as earnestly as they. As I said in February, the problem is to find some equation by which we can measure naval strength so that the parity which both nations desire may be reached, and reached at a level which indicates not any increase in the armaments of world but a reduction."

"The significance, importance and hopefulness of the statement which Mr. Gibson made the other day is that by suggesting new criteria of comparison, he has made it easier to find the standard by which the reduction may be fixed whilst taking account of the different circumstances and different needs of the powers which are concerned."

Military Position.

But Mr. Gibson made a second, and, in its way, equally remarkable contribution to this problem only yesterday. He turned from naval armaments to land armaments. Again observe how similar the standpoint and outlook of the United States are to that of our own country."

Mr. Gibson speaking on the question of trained reserves, said that the Government of the United States would have desired that trained reserves should be included in any scheme for limitation and reduction."

Mere Police Force.

But recognizing that the United States, which like this country maintains but a very small army, scarcely more than a police force, equivalent to the duties which it has to discharge, realising that countries so situated could not dictate to the great military

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KAI TACK AVIATION TRAGEDY.

THREE CHINESE KILLED WHEN PLANE CRASHES.

TEA SHED DEMOLISHED

Three Chinese were killed when an aeroplane crashed near Kai Tack aerodrome on Saturday evening, tearing down part of a fence, colliding with a tea shed, which it partially demolished, and falling into a low-lying paddy field.

The three occupants of the aeroplane escaped without injury, the fatalities being caused when the machine came low down over the road after an attempt to make a landing at the aerodrome. The accident was a distressing sequel to formation flying which marked the departure of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester.

Ten planes took the air at Kai Tack shortly before six o'clock, four large planes being followed by six smaller machines. An H.M.S. Suffolk was leaving the harbour the planes flew low over her, then swooped upwards again and continued to circle round until the vessel was proceeding through Lyemun Pass. The formation flying was watched by large numbers of people in Kowloon and one by one the machines disappeared behind the hills as they returned to their base.

Of the four larger planes three made good landings and the fourth flew low over the ground in the ordinary way before alighting. For some reason, however, the plane carried on and tore down the wooden fence which marks the boundary of the aerodrome. The height of the plane from the ground at this time can be gauged by the fact that the fence is only about four feet high.

Wing Strikes Shed.

Flying low over the road the right wing of the plane struck a wooden tea shed which stands at the corner of the narrow road leading up to the Kowloon Golf Course and Shatin Gap. The impact was sufficient to partially demolish the shed and to swing the plane round so that the tail caught another tea shed and crashed through the roof.

The machine came to rest with its nose down in a low lying paddy field behind the second shed struck, with the tail caught in the roof of the tea house.

The corner is a busy one, there being considerable traffic in the evening along the pathway which branches off to the left from the bus terminus. People scattered in all directions when it was seen that the plane must crash. One man, however, was caught by the machine as he stood near the railings bounding the landing ground and received extensive injuries. A second man was hit when standing outside the tea shed while the body of the third was found pinned under the machine after it had landed in the paddy field.

Guard Round Wreckage.

As soon as the accident happened, shortly before seven o'clock, men from the aerodrome rushed across to the plane and an ambulance was quickly summoned to take the two injured men to Kowloon Hospital. One died before arrival and the other shortly after admission. The third was not found until some time later.

When an S. C. M. Post reporter visited the spot about eight o'clock the wreckage of the plane was occasionally illuminated by the headlight of motor buses as they swung round from the terminus. A guard from the aerodrome had been placed over the machine and the entrance to the pathway was roped off to prevent curious sightseers from approaching close to the plane.

Precautions were taken to ensure that no matches were struck in the vicinity as it was thought that the petrol tank had burst with the force of the impact. Fire fighting apparatus had been brought out in case it was needed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TRAMWAY IMPROVEMENT.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Apart altogether from the merits or demerits of the Tramway-Bus Co. dispute, is it not about time in this year of grace 1929 that the tramway system of transport—so antiquated, so painfully slow, noisy and uncomfortable, so obstructing to other traffic—should be replaced by something better?

On the Shaikwan line the slow rate of progress, the long delays every few perches and the way one is flung about from one side of the car to the other (which get worse with the coming into operation of the additional passing places), make travelling on that section an ordeal to be dreaded.

Instead of laying down costly new rails, why does (or did) not the Tramway Co. adapt their overhead wires to the trackless trolley system? Pneumatic tired trackless trolleys are comfortable, silent, speedy, safe and vibrationless, and unlike motor buses, their power is manufactured on the wholesale principle, and without that wasting of the world's limited and vanishing petrol supplies, which to the economist, seems criminal folly. To my mind they constitute the IDEAL transport system.—Yours, etc., 1929.

Seen in the light of day yesterday the body of the plane was intact, but the fore part together with the planes, was completely wrecked. There was also some damage to the tail plane where it had swung round and crashed into the roof of the second tea shed.

The only damage to this building was a hole in the roof but the structure first struck was partially wrecked. The nose of the plane was buried in a low lying field immediately to the left of the pathway.

The plane was piloted by Lieut. A.O. Watson, R.N., of H.M.S. Hermes. He was attached to the Royal Air Force in 1924 and has been at Kai Tack nearly two years. The other occupants of the plane were a sergeant and a telegraphist. All three escaped serious injury, being merely shaken by the accident.

Up to yesterday the three men killed in the accident had not been identified. One is a man of about 50 years of age while the other two are presumably about 30.

Europeans' Experiences.

Several Europeans had very narrow escapes when the plane crashed across the road, according to information that a Press representative was able to gather. One of these persons was Mr. H. M. Hendricksen, of the Orient Tobacco Factory, who might have been in the path of the aeroplane had he not been forced to stop because of another vehicle in front.

It appears that Mr. Hendricksen was driving his car along the sea front from Kowloon City Police Station towards the aerodrome. As he approached the aerodrome he noticed an aeroplane very low, and only a short distance away, and he thought that something was wrong. He proceeded, however, until he turned the corner into Kai Tak Road, when an ambulance suddenly drove on to the road from the aerodrome, momentarily causing him to pull up.

He then followed behind the ambulance while the aeroplane was still in the air at a very low altitude. At the corner where the Kai Tak Road meets the new road, the ambulance pulled into the side and stopped on a waste piece of ground, and just as Mr. Hendricksen reached the corner he heard a crash. At the same moment a quantity of wire wrapped itself round his back wheels, this being part of the fencing which the machine tore away. Mr. Hendricksen immediately

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HEALTH WEEK.

JOINT EFFORT PROVES GREAT SUCCESS.

The Hongkong Chinese Medical Association, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and the Chinese Y.W.C.A. should be gratified with the result of their joint effort last week in the interests of public health. The actual attendance at the nightly lectures and exhibits exceeded 6,000 and hundreds were turned away for lack of room.

The Child Welfare section, conducted by the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Milk Co., was busy every day. By means of charts and pictures, the demonstrators gave instruction on the feeding and care of infants. The members of the Medical Association gave complete examinations to 50 male applicants each evening, and a smaller number of women were examined in the afternoon.

Vaccination was offered, but as this is the end of the season the applicants were not as numerous as in former years. Literature bearing on health was on display and some 30,000 pamphlets were given to those who asked for them.

applied his brakes, and pulled up at the spot where the aeroplane had crashed across the road only a few seconds before.

At this spot there was another car, in which were a European couple with their young son, who had gone there to see the machines land. It would appear that they were almost directly in the path of the machine, which missed the top of their car by only a few feet, before colliding with the machine.

THE LONG DISTANCE FLIGHT.

BAD WEATHER ROBS BRITAIN OF RECORD.

Karachi, Apr. 28.

It was the weather that robbed Britain of the non-stop distance air record. The Air Force flyers, relating their experiences, say that they flew through rain across Europe, snowstorms over Austria, while the clouds were so dense over the Balkans that they only caught a glimpse of the ground once or twice in five hours. Remarkably bad weather in the Persian Gulf reduced the plane's speed to an average of 65 miles an hour.

After passing Karachi they encountered a further bad headwind and found that there was insufficient fuel left to beat the record. The airmen declare that the machine and engine behaved splendidly and are of the opinion that but for very bad luck they would have beaten the record.—Reuter.

FOR THE BLIND.

UNITED STATES RAILWAYS MAKE CONCESSION.

New York, Apr. 27.

By voluntary concession on the part of forty-one railroad companies, blind persons will henceforth travel with a guide at the price of one fare.—Reuter's American Service.

FORCED LANDING.

NEW ZEALAND AIRMAN ESCAPES UNINJURED.

Paris, Apr. 27.

The New Zealander Mase crashed at Roanne. His machine was destroyed but the pilot escaped uninjured.

Later, The airman Mase made a forced landing near Roanne. The machine touched a tree as he took off and he was obliged to descend. He again took off and the plane struck an embankment, and overturned. Mase was extricated from the plane by a party of workmen.—Reuter.

(Mr. Frank Mase was engaged on the pioneer attempt to fly from England to New Zealand, in a small 90 horsepower single seater. He left Lympne on the morning of April 26.)

TOC H. CEREMONY.

PRINCE OF WALES AT LONDON MEETING.

London, Apr. 27.

The Prince of Wales was welcomed by delegates of Toc H. branches throughout the world at a meeting at Church House, Westminster. He lighted fifty-six lamps of maintenance of new branches formed during the year. The Prince pointed out that this was twice the number won in any previous year. He alluded to the "very significant beginning" of Toc H. in Germany and announced that the endowment fund had reached \$64,500 and money was still coming in.—Reuter.

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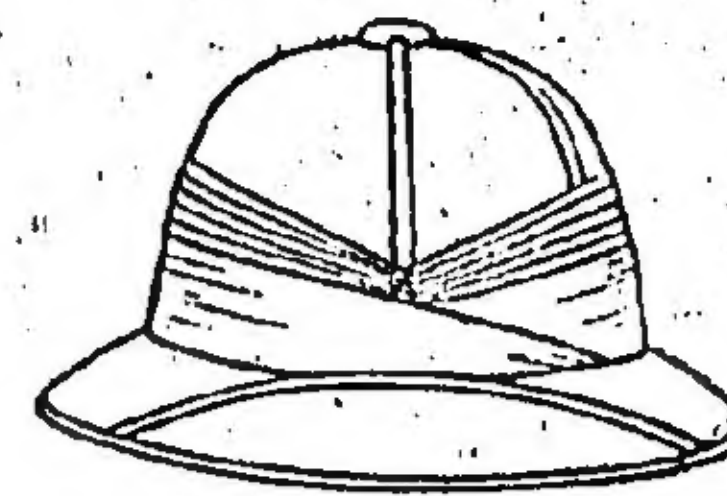


A delegation of French ex-Service men, under the auspices of La Flamme du Souvenir, visited England to honour the British dead. The party is shown crossing Parliament Square from Westminster Hall on the way to Westminster Abbey for a brief ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior. (Times copyright).



Our picture shows a real, live wotchamayallit. And the smiling youth sitting on one of the wotchamayallit's humps is none other than Mr. Wotzname, and he's holding a ferocious thingamajig in his lap. The legend runs that the wotchamayallit, being very ambitious, tried so hard to get ahead that it got four heads. It is a scene from the famed annual carnival parade at Nice, France.

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General Gouraud (centre), President of La Flamme, with Lord Jellicoe (in civilian clothes), President of the British Legion, at the Cenotaph (Times copyright).



Photo taken after the wedding at the British Consulate-General, Shanghai, of Mr. Arthur Gordon Hughes, Managing Director of the China United Assurance Society, and Miss Kathleen Campbell Strathairn, of Vancouver. Mr. Hughes was one of the founders of the Kiangwan Race Club.



Thanks to the work of Sir James Fowler, the Warden of Beaulieu Abbey, the ruins of the daughter Cistercian Abbey of Hayles have been rescued from the vegetation which has covered them for many years. A photograph of the ruins as they are to-day. (Times copyright).



Sir Josiah Stamp, now head of the British delegation to the Committee of Experts on Reparations, sitting in Paris, who has been endeavouring to secure a compromise.



Picture taken at a dinner given at the Powhattan Club, Shanghai, recently in honour of Messrs. Bailey, Drakeford, Tiencken, Webb and Worby, of British-American Tobacco Co., (China), Ltd., who have just left on Home leave.

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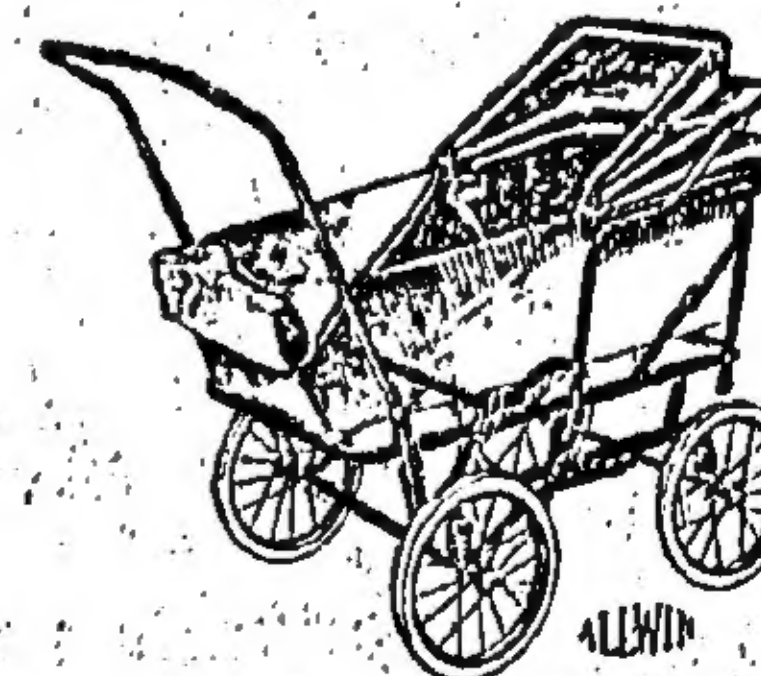
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From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Amoy	Ninghal	April 29.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia		
London 8th-10th April	Dessau	April 29.
Japan and Shanghai	Haruna Maru	May 3.
Europe via Nagasaki, letters only		
London 4th April	Hong Hwa	May 3.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai		
Japan	Pres Van Buren	May 4.
Australia and Manila	Aratura	May 5.
Manila	Tanda	May 6.
Japan	Pres Jackson	May 6.
Japan and Shanghai	Himalaya Maru	May 7.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Athos II	May 7.
Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Asia	May 8.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Kalyan	May 10.
Manila	Pres McKinley	May 10.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Taft	May 13.
	Pres. Hayes	May 18.

OUTWARD MAIL

For	Per	Date and Time.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning ..	Mon., Apr. 23, 4.30 p.m.
Holhow and Haiphong	New Mathilde ..	Mon., Apr. 23, 5 p.m.
*Japan, *Canada, *U.S.A., *Central and *South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.	Pres. Pierce	Mon., Apr. 23. Parcels
		Registration
		Letters
		(Due Victoria B. C., 20th May.)
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia ..	Pres. Pierce	Mon., Apr. 23. Registration
		Letters
Shanghai	Atlanta Maru	Tues., Apr. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haityang	Tues., Apr. 30, Noon
Stralia, Egypt and Europe via Mar- scilia	Monelaus	Tues., Apr. 30. K.P.O.

Registration 1 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.

G.P.O.

Registration 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.

Amoy	Shantung ... Tues., Apr. 30, 3.30 p.m.
Saigon	Tsang Woo .. Tues., Apr. 30, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Yatshing Tues., Apr. 30, 3 p.m.

Spain, Canada, U.S.A., Central and

South America and *Europe via Vancouver B. C.	Emp. of Russia	Tues., Apr. 30.
	Parcels	8 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.

*Shanghai, *Japan, Honolulu, *San Francisco Shinyo Maru Tues., Apr. 30,
Registration 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Emp. of Russia Tues., Apr. 30.
Registration 5 p.m.
Letters 6 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy Gremer Wed., May 1, 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai	reverse	Wed., May 1, 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Maungang	Wed., Apr. 1, 1.30 p.m.
*Swatow and Wei Hai Wei	Huichow	Thurs., May 2, 8.30 a.m.
Amyot and Formosa via *Swatow ..	Deli Maru Thura ..	May 2, 10.30 a.m.
Amyot	Langchow Thura ..	May 2, 3.30 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hai Ching Fri., Apr. 8, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,
East and South Africa, Aden,
Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Haruna Maru Sat., May, 4

Registration May, 3, 4.30 p.m.
Letters May, 4, 9 a.m.
G.P.O.
Registration May 4, 8.45 a.m.
..... 9.30 a.m.

(Due Marseilles 2nd June)

Manila	Pres. Van Buren Sat., May 4, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru .. Sun., May 5, 9 a.m.
Straits, Mombasa, Lourenco Marques	Hokata Maru Mon. May 6 8.30 a.m.

Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A.
C. & S. America and *Europe via
San Francisco Pres. Jackson Mon., May 6
Parcels 3 p.m.
Registration 4.15 p.m.

Amoy	Letters	5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia ..	Kutsang	Mon., May 6, 5 p.m.
	Pres. Jackson	Mon., May 6
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Legation	5 p.m.

Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India,
Mauritius, East and South Africa,
Aden, Egypt and Europe via
Marseilles.

Athens II Tues. May 7

K. P. O.
Registration 10 a.m.
Letters 1.00 p.m.
G. P. O.
Registration 12.45 p.m.

Letters 1.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 8th June.)
Straits and Calcutta Kumsang Tues., May 7.
Parcels noon
Letters 1 p.m.

Swatow	Wai Shing	Tues., May 7, 5 p.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Teau	Wed., May 8, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia (except places North of Brisbane) and New Zealand via Brisbane	Himalaya Marn	Wed. May 8

Registration 7th, 5 p.m.
Letters May 8, 8.30 a.m.
(Due Brisbane 25th May.)

Manila, Sandakan, Australia and
New Zealand via Thursday Island

Araçua Wed. May 8

Parcels Noon
Registration 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
(Due Thursday Island 23rd May.)	
Manila	Emp. of Asia Wed., May 8, 3.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius
 East and South Africa, Aden,
 Egypt and Europe via Marsellica Kalyan Sat., May, 11.
 K.P.O.
 Parcels May, 10, 4.30 p.m.

Registration May, 11, 9 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels May, 10, 3 p.m.
Registration May, 11, 9.45 a.m.

Manila
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., G.&S.
America and Europe via Victoria
B.C.

(Due Marseilles 8th June)-
Pres. McKinley Sat., May 11, 4.30 p.m.
Pres. Taft Mon. May 13

Parcels 8 p.m.
Registrations 4.15 p.m.
Letters
(Due Victoria B.C. 3rd June).
Shanghai and Enron via Siberia Pres. Tatt. Mon. May 18

Registration 5 p.m.
Letters 6 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be held on May 7 at the Helena May Institute. The will be served

from 4.30 p.m. and the meeting on "The Bible in the Home."



A divorcee is a woman who has taken her husband's name in vain.

**LETTER GOLF
SOLUTION.**

Here is the solution to the
puzzle on another page.

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What Women Value Most.

The first question one woman asks about another concerns her appearance. "Is she pretty?" she says, which shows what great importance women place upon good looks. Yet numbers of women allow themselves to depreciate, to feel old and look old when they ought to be at their very best, simply through neglect of one of the most essential factors of beauty—the condition of their blood.

Nothing robs a woman of personal attractiveness quicker than anaemia, or blood poverty. It is the root cause not only of most of their periodical sufferings, but also of loss of figure, complexion, spirit, appetite, happiness. Therefore, every woman who is conscious of anaemic symptoms should lose no time in setting matters right, which in the vast majority of instances, can quite easily be done by means of a short course of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Read the experience of this lady in Ceylon:—

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"THE IRON MASK."

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The thrills of adventure and the glamour of romance make of "The Iron Mask," film version of one of Alexandre Dumas' most popular books, a worthwhile picture to be recommended to the attention of picture-goers. The story, incorporating as it does the later adventures of the Three Musketeers, is a welcome addition to the earlier film in which then, as now, Douglas Fairbanks takes the role of D'Artagnan, and excels himself in it. We may overlook certain shortcomings which are fairly obvious in the film, as weaknesses which are inherent to Hollywood, but, taken all around, for lavishness of settings and the verve of its principal characters, it is excellent entertainment and possesses high historical value. The end of D'Artagnan does not keep strictly to the details of the book, but there again the producers are to be excused for not attempting that which may lie beyond their power; and the length of the reel has also to be taken into account.

The parts of the Three Musketeers are taken by Leon Barry, Stanley J. Sandford, and Gino Corrado. They gave a dashing portrayal of these three heroes of romance. As the Duc de Richelieu, sinister Cardinal, but astute Minister of State, Nigel de Bruiler gives an ideal characterization of his part. Dorothy River and Ulrich Haupt are the Milady de Winter and the Comte de Rochefort, creatures of the Carimul, in the picture, other important parts being taken by Rolfe Sedan and William Bakewell, as the Louis, father and son; Marguerite de la Motte as Constance, and Belle Bennett, as Queen Anne of Australia.

"The Iron Mask" is advertised for a four day's run, the final showings being given on Wednesday.

NEW DOLLAR CO.
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FAR EAST.

Shanghai, Apr. 23.
Mr. J. Harold Dollar, vice-president and general manager of the Oriental department of the Dollar Steamship Line, announced here today his company's definite decision to begin early construction of at least two fast passenger liners for the purpose of engaging in the Philippine inter-island trade.

The new boats will be 650 feet in length and 81 feet across the beam, capable of maintaining a speed of 21 knots. They will have first-class passenger capacity for 350 persons, second class capacity for 150, and stateroom for 850. These vessels have been designed in the United States according to the very latest arrangements for speed and comfort in the building of passenger liners.

Mr. Dollar also announced that the company is contemplating construction of two 10-knot passenger vessels for the purpose of engaging in the Philippine inter-island trade.

The new trans-Pacific liners will be of 30,000 tons registry and the keels are expected to be laid within three months. They will be completed in two years. One of each will be built by the Newport News Shipbuilding Company and the New York Shipbuilding Company.

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WOMAN'S WORLD
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For the Housewife.

WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH
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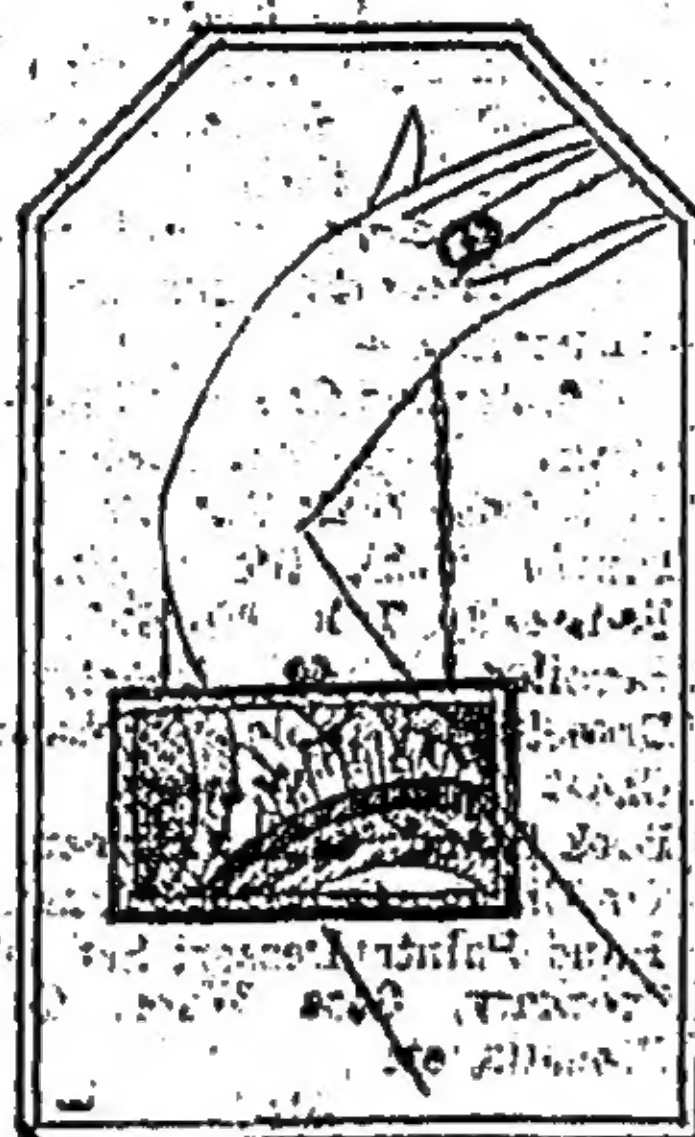
Ammonia is one of the most useful allies the housewife can have in launching the great spring offensive. First of all it is a delightful skin softener and cleanser, and lavender-scented ammonia is most refreshing used in the bath water.

Ink or other stains on the finger nails yield instantly to an application of ammonia, and brushes and combs can never be better washed than in water to which ammonia has been added—a tablespoonful to a quart—dirt and grease disappear as if by magic.

When the colours in a carpet look faded, a cloth wrung out in equal parts of ammonia, and rubbed over the surface works wonders in restoring the original colourings, and cleans away all surface dirt. The same treatment may be given to coats and felt hats, but care should be taken to use as little liquid as possible to avoid shrinking.

If table linen and sheets are soaked in water containing a little ammonia, they are washed twice as quickly, as all the dirt is loosened. Ammonia is most useful, too, in removing stains of all kinds; spirits of ammonia will remove any acid from clothing, and if the colour has been taken out of silk by fruit stains ammonia will usually restore it. Equal parts of ammonia and turpentine will take paint out of clothing even if it has become hard. The soiled parts should be well saturated with the mixture and washed out in soapy water.

Grease spots may be removed from any kind of cloth with a weak solution of ammonia and turpentine. The places should be ironed afterwards, placing soft white paper under the iron. Pinnels and blankets preserve their fluffy appearance when soaked



An enamelled scene, painted in the modern manner, distinguishes one of the new vanity cases.

Forgetting
Ourselves.

THE SECRET OF YOUTH.

It is often claimed that the woman of to-day has triumphed over age, and certainly it may be said with truth that she has added ten years to her youth.

The fact that she often looks almost as young, nowadays, at thirty-five as she did at twenty-five is not only due to the fact that fashion is doing its very best to keep her youthful.

Her outlook upon life has much to do with the prolonging of her youth, for her interests have widened and her freedom and independence have grown enormously during the last ten years.

Nothing is so ageing as the feeling that one is "vegetating," and it was the fate of far too many women before the war to get into a narrow domestic rut from which, after a time, it became almost impossible to extricate themselves.

Nowadays no woman needs to get into a rut.

There are endless ways of finding new interests and making new friends, and one of the secrets of perpetual youth, if there be such a thing, is to retain as long as we can, the faculty of forgetting ourselves in other things and other people.

Another is to have about one plenty of friends whom one can love and trust.

ed in suds to which a little ammonia has been added.

A teaspoonful of ammonia in a teaspoonful of water cleans gold and silver as if by magic, while old brass may be cleaned to look like new by pouring on strong ammonia and scrubbing with a scrubbing brush—it should be well rinsed in clean water. Nickel silver may be kept bright by rubbing with a woollen cloth soaked in spirits of ammonia.

Pictures and picture frames can be revived by applying very carefully a few drops of ammonia in a cupful of warm water, and finally, when the cleaning is over and it is the turn of the windows, a little ammonia added to the water will clean them far more satisfactorily than soap, and will give a brilliant sheen.

Woman and Law.

[By a Woman Solicitor.]

The successful invasion of the learned professions by women has dealt yet another blow to the old belief that the only place for a woman is in the home.

Those who resent the entry of women into the legal profession as an intrusion fail to appreciate that there is a special need for women in the law to deal with women's particular problems.

A woman is naturally better able than a man to grasp the woman's point of view, and will bring greater sympathy and understanding to bear on the affairs of women clients. It is just as important that a woman should be able to discuss her affairs with a woman solicitor when she wishes to do so, as it is that she should be able to consult a woman doctor about her health.

The ordinary business of the average solicitor's office can be done equally well by members of either sex.

The advice which most lawyers are called upon to give is, in the main, commonsense. The training which a solicitor undergoes enables him—or her—to grasp details quickly and intelligently, to regard the matter from all sides, and to appreciate the particular difficulties involved.

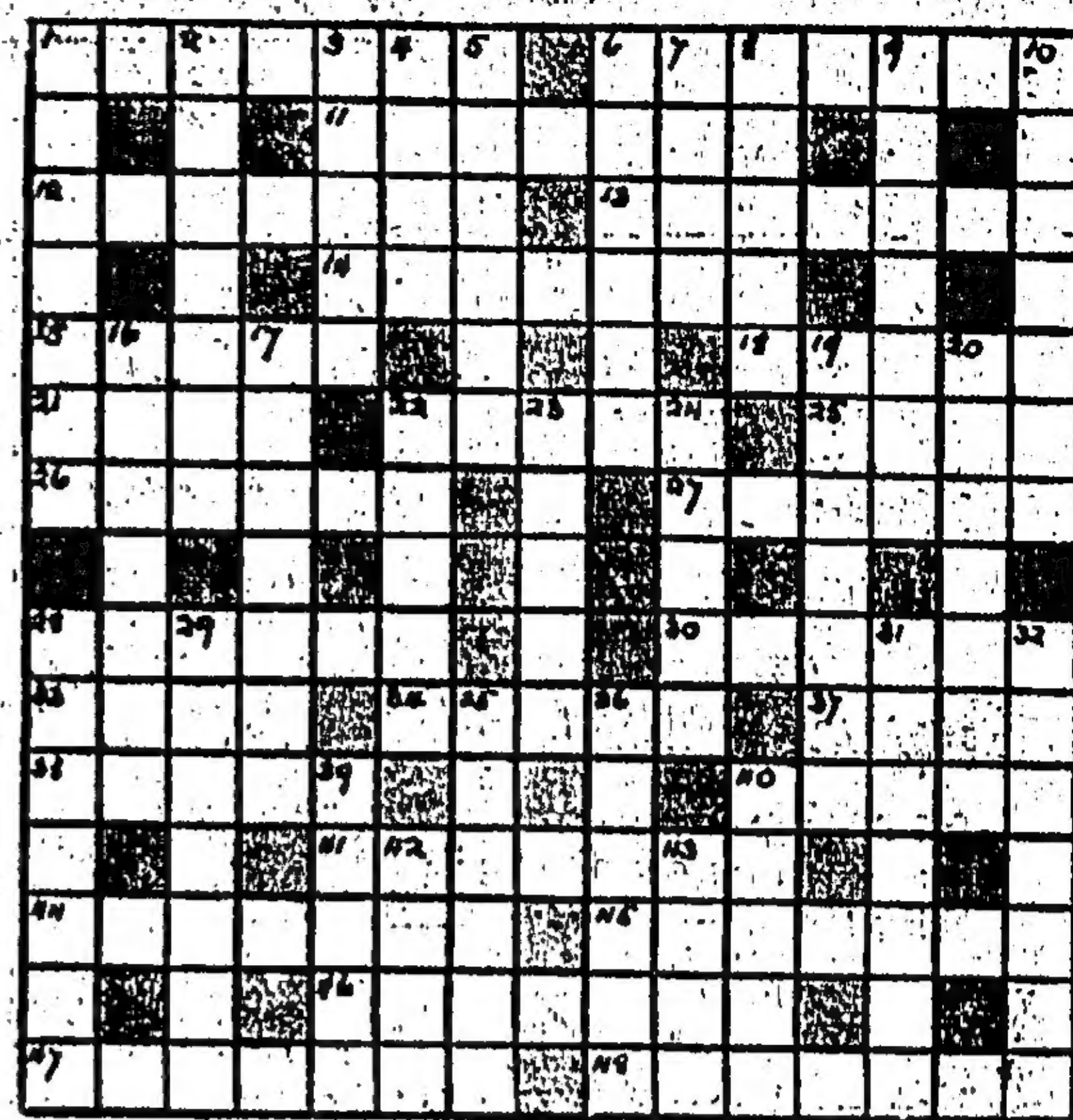
The greatest obstacle which a woman entering the legal profession has to face is prejudice. There is a widespread conviction that the mere fact of being a woman necessarily indicates an inability to grasp quite simple business details or to take an unbiased view of any question.

A client shown into my room the other day drew back in surprise. "I thought I was going to see a man," he said. "I suppose," he added somewhat dubiously, "you do have the same qualifications?" I reassured him on that point, but when I had drawn a perfectly simple, straightforward contract for him, he was genuinely surprised to find it correct.



The latest line! Fashion is kind to the girl with a slender figure for she has decreed that the evening bodice shall be slim and tight-fitting, and the skirt full, billowing, and drooping to the heels at the back. Delphinium-blue lace is used for this typically engaging model, which has a fly-away shoulder cape en suite.

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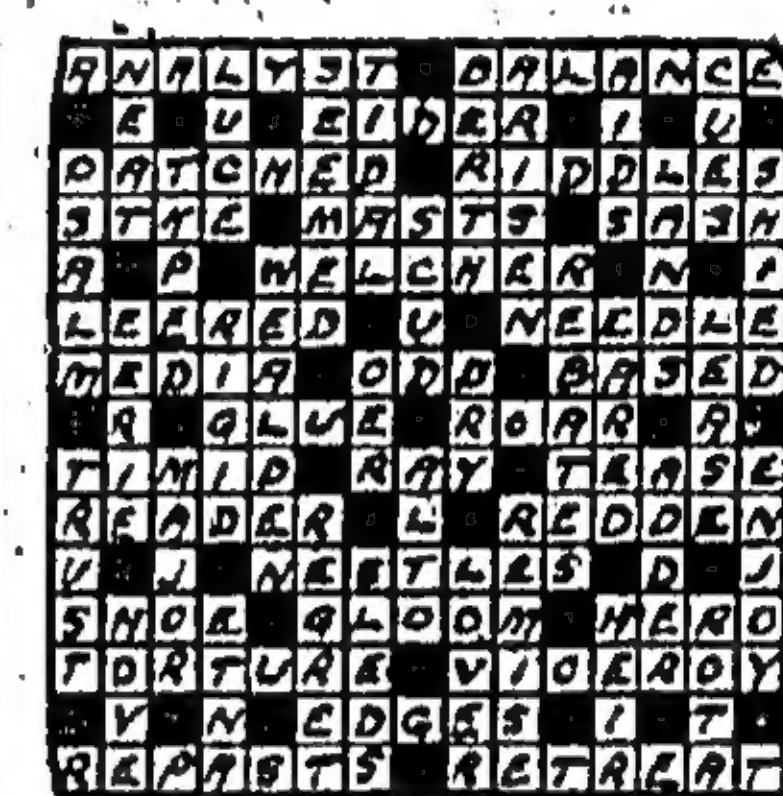
- Across
- 1 Choose.
 - 2 Beginner.
 - 3 Bluster.
 - 4 One who enters.
 - 5 Incipient.
 - 6 Irritate.
 - 7 Describe grammatically.
 - 8 Appear as if gnawed.
 - 9 Ardour.
 - 10 Rust.
 - 11 One.
 - 12 Expand.
 - 13 Foreigners.
 - 14 West Indian indigo.
 - 15 One who gathers.
 - 16 Feast.
 - 17 Error.
 - 18 Fatigue.
 - 19 Gives food to.
 - 20 Opinion.
 - 21 Melancholy.
 - 22 Make real.
 - 23 Lay flat.
 - 24 Zinc.
 - 25 Hastened.

Down.

- 1 Soaked.
- 2 Not figurative.
- 3 Machine for raising weights.
- 4 Pitch of sound.
- 5 One who sits.
- 6 Steps.
- 7 Grief.
- 8 Get up.

- 9 Dissonant interval. (mus.)
10 Small streams.
11 One to whom the title of property is transferred.
12 Grieved.
13 To wish.
14 Guileless.
15 Intricate.
16 Temporary dock (naut.).
17 Broad-bladed sword.
18 Yields.
19 Repeat.
20 Nipped.
21 Withdrew.
22 Be obvious.
23 Restrict.
24 More.
25 Belonging to thee.
26 Island (poet).
27 Ooze.

Saturday's Solution.



FOOCHOW NOTES.

CLEVER EXHIBITION OF
DANCING.

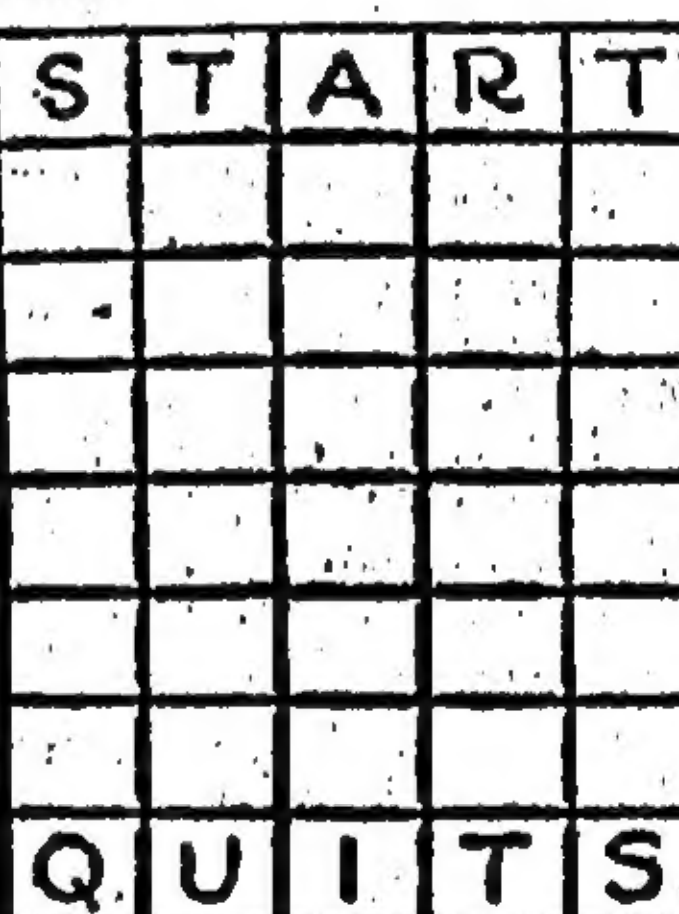
Foochow, Apr. 20.

A very delightful exhibition of dancing was given by the pupils of Madame Gulkevitch yesterday afternoon, in the Assembly Hall, Nantai. There was a large attendance, including many Chinese, and they had a great treat. There was every variety in the performances, which included "A Country Feast in Russia," by all the children, a "Sailors' Hornpipe" by Stanley Moss and Peter Stapleton-Cotton, "The Chimney Sweep" (Mertha Havighurst) and "The Doll" (Gaby Soulange-Tessier), "The Wolf and the Lamb" (Henry and Dorothy Lacy), "Spring in the Woods" by Alice Lacy, Norine and Stanley Moss, and Cynthia Sokobin; and also representations of mechanical toys, which called forth torrents of applause. Madame Gulkevitch deserves great credit for the excellence of the performances, which must have involved long and patient training.

Foochow is sorry to lose several of the most prominent members of its foreign community, owing to furloughs or transfer to other places. Mr. T. P. M. Bevan, of the A. P. Co., will be specially missed on account of his musical talent, which he has always readily placed at the disposal of the community, in the British Episcopal Church, in the Foochow Philharmonic Society, and in countless other ways. Mr. Camp-

LETTER GOLF.

To-day's puzzle gets off to a good START and QUILTS after seven strokes.



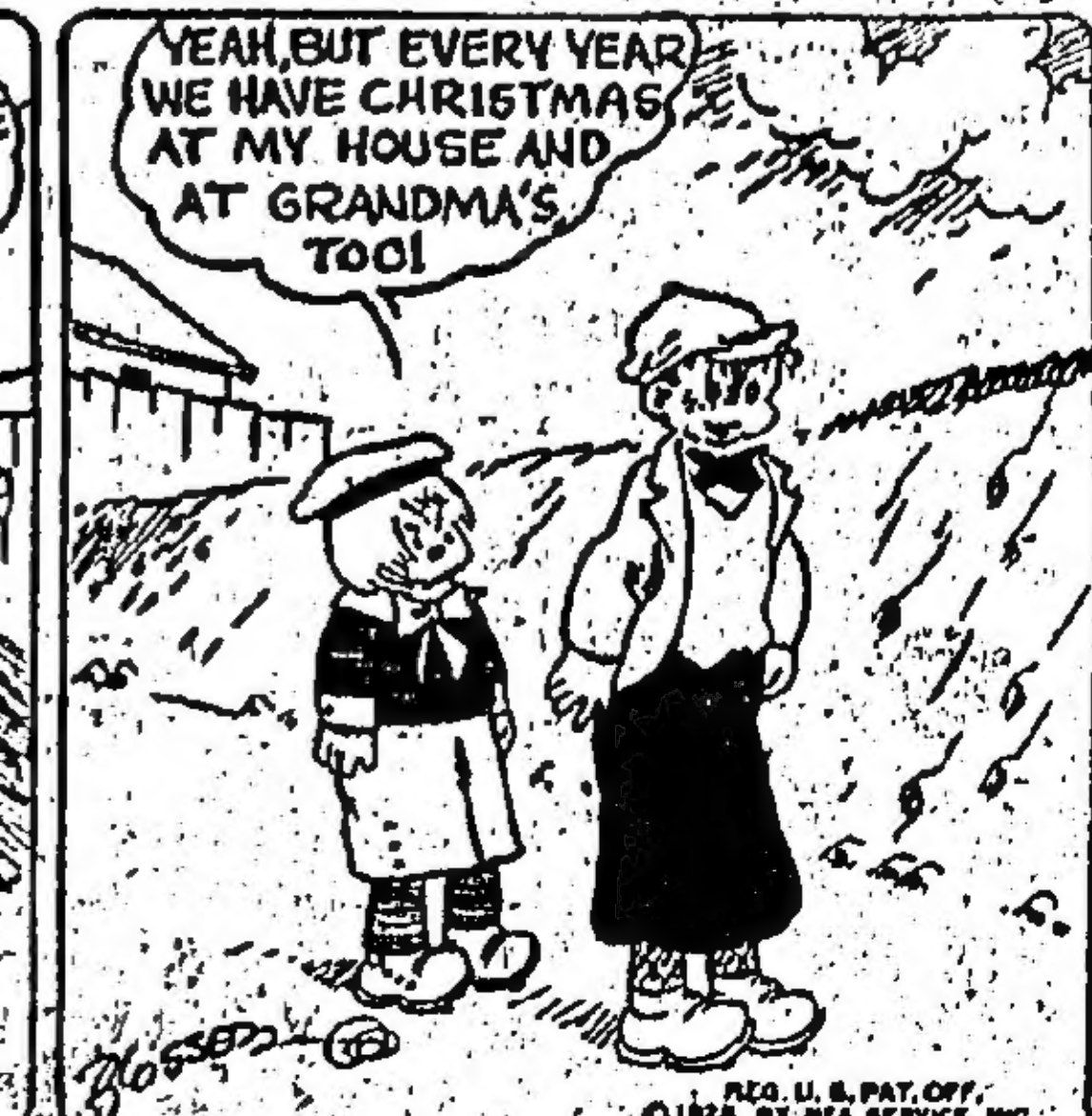
- 1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW HEN.
- 2—You can change only one letter at a time.
- 3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
- 4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.
bell, the Customs Commissioner, will also be leaving shortly, and Mr. G. S. Moss, H. B. M. Consul, is under orders to go to Canton in a few weeks.—Our Own Correspondence.

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NAVY DISCIPLINE.

Some few weeks ago, Reuter briefly reported that, in accord with the undertaking given at the time of the "Royal Oak" affair, the Admiralty had amended and redefined the regulations with regard to complaints. Home papers to hand give considerable prominence to the subject, and as Hongkong is a naval station, we have no doubt that the new regulations have been freely discussed here. In dealing with the matter, the Admiralty appears to have been animated by a venerable Service tradition that it is better that grievances should be forgotten rather than that they should be ventilated, and this may account for the impression given by the new regulations that when complaints are made, the procedure of investigation is likely to be rather slow and cumbersome. To such an extent does this appear to be the case that although the new rules can enable a just and equitable commanding officer to secure redress of grievances felt by those under him, they would also appear to give plenty of opportunity to a commanding officer more anxious to stifle complaints than to redress them.

Let us look for a moment at some of the provisions. In the first place, complaints must be made by single individuals; no two or three seamen or junior officers may jointly petition for redress. This, of course, is a survival of the tradition that a collective complaint is in itself a conspiracy against discipline—admittedly a very important matter not lightly to be passed over—but there does seem some danger that in its operation this rule will tend to discourage complaints of any kind; for a seaman would naturally hesitate to bring forward a grievance if he knew beforehand that his mates would not be permitted to support him. Then, also, it is provided that while the complainant is allowed the assistance of an officer in stating his case, this officer is to be detailed by the captain—a rule that might conceivably be used to deprive the complainant of an officer in whom he has special confidence, such, for example, as the chaplain. As to the procedure for making complaints, these, in the first instance, must be made orally. If the complainant

is then dissatisfied with the captain's decision, he may "respectfully ask that he may be allowed to make his complaint in writing," and the captain is bound to grant this request, after giving him twenty-four hours "to reconsider the matter." The written complaint is then to be forwarded by the captain to his next superior officer, with a further right of appeal to the Admiralty itself.

Whilst it is obvious that the Admiralty is anxious that officers and men having grievances should be able to bring them to the notice of those who can materially help in getting them adjusted, it does appear a little unfortunate that a written complaint is forbidden in the first instance. As the *Nation* puts it, nothing more assists the investigation of a complaint than a written record of its subject. The brief notes which the ship's corporal takes of cases heard orally on the quarter-deck are not authentic records of anything but the bare fact that a man has been before the officer on duty and that a decision has been given in the manner noted. For petty disciplinary cases this is adequate; "complaints" are different. An unjust officer might, in fact under these new regulations, prejudice a fair inquiry by alleging that a written complaint differed from that first made orally. In the main, however, we may regard these new rules as being a distinct improvement on the procedure which previously existed, and they will doubtless be found in every way adequate in the great majority of cases where complaints arise. At the same time, the "Royal Oak" affair showed that all officers have not that fair and discriminating outlook which has always been characteristic of most; a circumstance which makes it advisable that every facility be given those who have a real grievance to ventilate.

Success and Failure.

It is a trifle disappointing that the Fairway "hush-hush" monoplane failed in its main object, though congratulations will be showered on the pilots on all other counts. They accomplished the first non-stop flight from England to India, covering 4,130 miles as the crow flies in 50 hours, 38 minutes, while the actual distance covered was much greater than this, running extremely close to the challenged record of Ferrarin and Del Prete of 4,464 miles from Rome to South America. Had the weather behaved as splendidly as the huge machine, it seems obvious that success would have been an easy matter, but it is now disclosed that the pilots met with heavy rains in Western Europe, snowstorms over Austria, and strong headwinds in the Persian Gulf which reduced their average speed by a half. The disappointment of Squadron Leader Jones Williams and Flight Lieutenant Jenkins can easily be imagined. After flying past Karachi for an hour they were within 900 miles of their destination, and the 530 h.p. Napier Lion engine had not given a sign of faltering. The petrol gauge, however, presented a forcible argument, and rather than take the risk of a forced landing in an unknown district at night, the pilots returned to Karachi, thereby acknowledging defeat. It must have been a bitter pill to swallow, and the decision to return was greater than would have been a challenge to the Gods of Luck. In any event, they have earned the distinction of having made the world's second best long distance flight, and it may be that an arrangement will be made for a second attempt on the record in a return flight to England. The 334 miles which eluded them on the outward trip should not offer the same difficulty in a second venture. In the meantime, the Fairway monoplane, the first ever built by the Company, has fully proved its qualities, and the time when air-mail will be carried to India in two days, and to Australia in five or six days, is brought appreciably nearer. Even Hongkong may derive considerable benefit from this latest advance in aircraft construction.

DAY BY DAY.

TO BE IMPATIENT IS TO SHOW WEAKNESS.—Winifred Graham.

Two Chinese cases of small-pox, both from Victoria, were reported over the week-end.

The Kowloon-Canton Railway advertise that a revised fare table will come into force from May 1.

H.M.S. *Cleopatra* left Hongkong this morning for England, and H.M.S. *Bruce* arrived in port from Shanghai.

The damage caused by the aeroplane accident at Kai Tak on Saturday to three Chinese huts is estimated at \$250.

H.M.S. *Kent*, flying the flag of the Commander in Chief of the China Station, and H.M.S. *Petersfield* arrived at Amoy on Sunday from Hongkong.

It is advertised that the offices of the China Underwriters, Ltd., are now situated at Hongkong Bank Building, 4th floor, 4th, Des Voeux Road Central.

Owing to a kink in the steel rope having to be straightened out, the Peak tram service was suspended for the greater part of yesterday. It was resumed this morning.

About seven o'clock last night a chimney caught fire at No. 74, Des Voeux Road Central, close to the Central Fire Station. The flames were put out in three minutes.

St. John Ambulance Brigade vaccinated 764 persons during the week ending April 26, bringing the number up to 333,853. The divisions have now ceased public vaccination.

Major C. Willson sentenced a Chinese this morning to three weeks' hard labour for stealing six new blankets. Investigations had been made by the police in various shops, but nobody claimed the property.

An armed robbery on Saturday night is reported from Woo Hop-shik village. Chan Fat, the owner of Lee Hing grocery store, states that five men armed with iron bars raided his store and took away money and groceries valued at about \$20.

A Chinese student named Mak Tan-long (19), residing at 326, Queen's Road West, attempted to commit suicide last night by administering opium poison. He was taken to the G.C.H. where he is now lying in a critical condition. No reason is given for the student's action.

At the Marine Court this morning, before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hoie, R.N., six mistresses of cargo boats were fined \$10 each for lying inshore during prohibited hours, and two mistresses of passenger boats were each fined the same amount for committing a breach of conditions of their licences by carrying cargo.

A robbery was perpetrated at Woo Hop Shek Village in the New Territories, early yesterday morning, when five men entered the house of a villager, named Chan Fat, age 50, and took away clothing and money to the value of \$24. The robbers made off in an unknown direction. The men were armed with iron bars, and appeared to be labourers, speaking the Hakka dialect.

At the annual meeting of the Chung Sing Benevolent Society yesterday, Mr. Ho Lu, a prominent Chinese merchant, was elected as Chairman for the coming year, Mr. Lau Yuk-wan Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Chan Shu-tong the Hon. Secretary. The Chung Sing Benevolent Society is regarded as one of the foremost charitable associations in the Colony and has performed splendid work in the past in connexion with famine and flood relief in China and particularly Kwangtung.

Passengers leaving for Home on the s.s. *Mantua* on Saturday included Mr. and Mrs. T. P. M. Bevan, Mr. I. B. L. Branson, Major T. C. Bowie, Mr. W. E. G. Beer, Capt. and Mrs. C. B. H. Delmain, Mr. A. H. Gillingham, Mrs. E. Robertson and two children, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gaubert and the Misses Gaubert, Mr. H. Griffin, Lieut. P. F. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hewlett, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Holland, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Lucy, Lt.-Comdr. A. L. Pears, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ring, Capt. and Mrs. Wallington and Lieut. A. G. Warren.

JAPAN EMPEROR'S BIRTHDAY.

RECEPTION AND OTHER FUNCTIONS TO-DAY.

To-day is the anniversary of the birthday of His Imperial Highness the Emperor of Japan—the first anniversary since the Coronation ceremonies—and the occasion is being joyfully honoured in the Colony.

This morning Mr. Y. Murakami, the Japanese Consul-General, was "At Home" to all the members of the Japanese community at the Japanese Consulate and there were also about 100 school children present. The loyal toasts were honoured and the children made obeisance before the portrait of the Emperor.

At the Hongkong Hotel at 11.30 a.m., the Consul General gave a reception to the foreign community. H. E. the Governor, together with H. E. Major-General Sandilands and other officers, arrived at about noon, and there were also present at the reception the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern (Colonial Secretary), members of the Consular service, officers of the Army, Navy and Air Force, distinguished members of the Japanese and foreign communities.

The Consul-General proposed the toast of His Majesty King George V, which was honoured to the strains of the National Anthem, and thereafter H. E. the Governor proposed the toast of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan, the toast being enthusiastically honoured by the 120 guests.

There will be an "At Home" at the Japanese Club at 5 o'clock this afternoon to members of the Japanese community.

BRIDGE MADE EASY

By
W.W. Wentworth

(Abbreviations: A—ace; K—king; Q—queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10.)

6—Opening Bids.

Here is an additional set of sample hands, with explanations of the proper opening bids:

1—Spades K J X
Hearts A X X X X
Diamonds K X X
Clubs—K J X

Hand contains support for both majors. If you bid one heart you may discourage a better declaration. All suits are stopped. Bid no trump for further information.

2—Spades K J X
Hearts K Q X
Diamonds X X X
Clubs—A K Q J

Bid no trump instead of club as you have support for either major take out and on an average, game can be more readily made to no trump or in major. Game is more important than honour score.

3—Spades J X X
Hearts A X X
Diamonds K Q
Clubs—A K X X X

Three suits are stopped. A no trump is most advisable as it might encourage a major declaration that will insure game.

4—Spades K X X
Heart A J X X X
Diamonds Q X
Clubs—K X X X

Bid one heart. To bid one no trump would be a denial of a major suit holding.

5—Spades X X
Hearts K Q 10
Diamonds A J X
Clubs—A K Q X X

A doubleton of less value than Q X, if the hand is not otherwise strong, is a weak spot in a hand and should discourage a no-trump. In third or fourth position the danger of a worthless doubleton is diminished, and need be no bar to a no trump bid if the hand otherwise contains the requirements.

The hand contains a worthless doubleton but otherwise is very strong. It does not contain a sound major bid. In view of the strength of the hand the worthless doubleton should not discourage a no trump. Bid one no trump as the only worthwhile declaration.

6—Spades X X
Hearts X X
Diamonds A K X X X
Clubs—A K X X X

Hand contains two worthless doubletons. A no trump bid may encourage a major take out and you have no support for a major bid. Bid one diamond.

7—Spades A K J X
Hearts A K X X
Diamonds X
Clubs—A J X X X

The singleton bars a no trump. "Sharp-shooters" would bid one club to encourage opponents to bid so that extreme penalties might be collected. One spade is a sound bid.

The Very Idea!

Provided he was not born black and that he or his parents have not received Parish relief and that he satisfies numerous other stipulations, notably regarding age and place of residence, any boy in a certain area of Surrey will henceforth be eligible for a free pair of knickers every year under the will of the Rev. John Gwyn rector of Bisleigh.

The bequest totals £10,000 all of which will be devoted to a trust fund for providing boys with knickers.

The Rev. John Gwyn committed suicide by hanging himself in December last.

A young man had bought a motor cycle and was demonstrating its powers to his pretty pillion-rider.

"Suddenly the machine began to lag painfully, and, try as he might, he was unable to make it go faster. A swift examination of the engine yielded no results, they started off again.

"I say," remarked the girl, touching him on the shoulder and pointing to the brake pedal on which her foot was firmly pressed, "what a pity there's not another foot-rest on the other side."

Mr. Douglas Cowburn, the coroner, at a Cambridge inquest: I should think it was impossible to get intoxicated with the present weak beer.

Witnesses: He was a gentle burglar and did not create much disorder, although he took property of the value of £114.

Mr. Registrar Friend, at Clerkenwell County Court: An I.O.U. is a sort of document petty money-lenders use to save stamp duties.

Wife at Tottenham: My husband ran after me with a razor shouting, "I will kill you." I said, "Don't be silly; if you do I will make a scene in the garden."

The following are taken from this term's examination papers:

(a) Parliament assembled in November and dissolved in December.

(b) To collect fumes of sulphur hold a deacon over the end of the tube.

(c) Double dealing is when you buy something wholesale to sell retail.

(d) The chief work of the British in Egypt since 1880 has been the extermination of the sphinxes.

I look forward to the day when a Prime Minister will recommend a novel because the Home Secretary has suppressed it and the Home Secretary suppresses a novel because the Prime Minister has recommended it.—Sir George Stuart Robertson.

A day of leisure spent quietly at home would now have for many people all the charm of novelty.—The Bishop of Swansea.

When we reach such dizzy speeds as 350 miles an hour in the air or 221 on the surface of the earth the joy of movement has vanished.—Mr. J. D. Berenford.

Laughter is the escape from the ego into the common lot.—Mr. Gerald Gould.

The various and vagabond heart of youth is inclined to roguery as the sparks fly upward.—Mr. C. H. Wilkinson.

All the morning she had been trying to teach her small pupils the mysteries of simple addition.

One small boy seemed far behind the others at grasping even the simplest ideas.

"Look here, Bobby," she said for the fifth time, "let's suppose your father saves six pounds every week for four weeks. What will he have at the end of that time?"

Bobby had his answer ready. "A gramophone, a new suit, a wireless set, and new furniture for the house," he replied.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Apr. 28.
Paris	124.15
Brussels	34.94
Amsterdam	32.07
Berlin	20.52
Copenhagen	18.19
Vienna	34.54
Helsingfors	108
Lisbon	108.51
Bucharest	31.74
Buenos Aires	47.51
Shanghai	2.54
Yokohama	1.10
New York	4.86
Geneva	25.15
Milan	25.15
Stockholm	18.10
Oslo	18.14
Prague	108
Madrid	33.62
Athens	3.76
Rio	5.57
Bombay	1.52
Hongkong	1.11
Silver (spot and forward)	25.4

—British Wireless.

DOUGLAS COMPANY MEETING.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MR. H. P. WHITE.

FUTURE PROSPECTS.

The Hon. Mr. B.D. F. Beith, speaking at the 46th ordinary general meeting of the Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., held this morning, made touching reference to the death of Mr. H.P. White, a director of the firm. His long experience and his intimate knowledge of the work of the Company were greatly missed by the Company, said Mr. Beith, and his friends sorely missed his genial personality and charm of manner.

Mr. A. H. White presided at the meeting, and was supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith, Mr. L. J. Davies and Mr. C. L. Farmer (Secretary), and there was a good attendance of shareholders.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the meeting the Chairman said:—The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days I will with your permission take them as read.

I regret not being able to place before you a more favourable statement for the year working. This is due to various causes but chiefly on account of the unsettled conditions which have been existing in China which has reflected adversely on the earning of our regular coastal trades, remittances from coast ports have also suffered considerably owing to heavy losses in the rate of exchange.

Docking and repair charges have been high for the period under review owing to three of our vessels having to undergo special survey for load line certificates.

The s.s. Hailong was sold as it was found that she was costly to operate at present, owing to high consumption and also on account of the heavier repairs the vessel required to keep her up to our usual requirements. A loss of \$20,000 was unfortunately made on the sale, but after careful consideration by your Consulting Committee and General Managers, it was deemed advisable to sell, and the best market price was obtained.

The Foochow launch, which served us well for many years, has been sold on account of her general condition and shows a small profit, a new launch is being built locally to take her place.

Better Prospects.

Home leave and pensions have been high, being caused chiefly through a large number of our officers and their families proceeding on leave this year. Captain W. C. Passmore has retired after long and faithful service, he having served the Company for 40 years.

There are, I am pleased to say, indications which point to more satisfactory trading conditions, which should be reflected in the earnings in the near future. With these remarks I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts and when it has been seconded shall be glad to answer any questions that shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. L. J. Davies seconded, and the motion was carried.

It was proposed by Mr. Williamson that the Hon. Mr. B.D.F. Beith, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. L. J. Davies be re-elected as members of the Consulting Committee for the ensuing year.

Seconded by Mr. Wong Ping-shing, the motion was carried.

Business matters.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Ramsay that Messrs. Lowe, Bingham Mathews and Messrs. Linstead & Davis be re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$500 per annum each.

Mr. Chun Wing-ko seconded, and the motion was carried.

BIG BLAZE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

ARMY STORE HOUSES DESTROYED.

Manila, Apr. 23. Property worth approximately Pesos 500,000 was completely reduced to ashes when two United States Army storehouses, two private houses, and the employee's quarters of the Benguet Auto Line were burned in less than half an hour early on Sunday morning at Damortis, La Union, according to reports reaching Manila yesterday.

The United States Army suffered the greatest loss. The two storehouses contained 130 drums of gasoline, hundreds of cans of condensed milk, lubricants, paints, horse fodder, and miscellaneous supplies. All these were completely burned.

Two private residences, one of which was owned by A. Pena, a prominent resident of the town, were razed to the ground. Furniture and valuables in both houses went up in smoke.

Explosion after explosion was heard as each gasoline drum caught. Horse fodder kept in the other store house, simultaneously caught the fire and fed the flames. Strong wind prevailing at the time fanned the flames into the surrounding neighbourhood and ignited the two private houses.

LADY VICTIM OF A PIRACY.

ANXIETY FOR SAFETY OF MISS MONSEN.

SHANTUNG STEAMER.

Chefoo, Apr. 29.

Only scanty information is available regarding the disappearance of Miss Monsen, of the Norwegian Baptist Mission in Shantung, one of the victims of a piratical attack recently.

It is now disclosed that Miss Monsen was due at Hwanghsien via Lungkow on April 20th. She left by the Chihli-Shantung Line's s.s. Pei-Ming (651 tons) for Lungkow, but the vessel was pirated in Lamni Bay, to the North-West of Lungkow.

Of what happened on board, no details are available, but nothing has been heard of Miss Monsen since.

The Norwegian Consul at Chefoo has been endeavouring to locate the unfortunate lady without success, but he is now trying to get into communication with Lungkow by means of Japanese warships.

It is apparently thought possible that Miss Monsen reached Lungkow after the piracy, though it is surprising in this event that no news of her safety has been received.

The Pei-Ming is a small Shanghai-built steamer and it is unlikely that the pirate gang were resisted. —Reuter.

BURGLAR GETS TEN MONTHS.

SEQUEL TO THEFTS AT EUROPEAN HOUSE.

ALSO ORDERED BIRCH.

Chun Tak, the man who committed a robbery in Mr. W. H. Edmonds' residence at 121, Wanching Road last week, was today brought up before Mr. E. W. Hamilton for sentence.

For the theft of a pair of spectacles, a cigarette case and a fountain pen, stolen from Mr. Edmonds' flat while the owner was listening in on his wireless set, defendant received four months' hard labour.

For returning from banishment while his term was still unexpired, defendant was further sentenced to six months' hard labour and 15 strokes of the birch. It was shown that, since deported in 1925 for ten years, he had returned no fewer than four times.

In passing sentence, his Worship said that he had taken into consideration the information which defendant had given to the police in the matter of the burglary at Mr. A. T. Hamilton's residence at No. 15 Leighton Hill Road. His Worship added that it had been his original intention to pass the full sentence of one year and with it an order for 20 strokes of the birch to be inflicted.

HOTEL FIRE SEQUEL.

CASE AGAINST CHINESE DISMISSED.

At the Central Police Court this morning, Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the defence of a Chinese, who was charged for having in his possession a blanket, being the property of the King Edward Hotel.

A clerk of the King Edward Hotel, Mr. Mak Young, identified the blanket, saying it bore the Hotel's initials.

The defendant was arrested on Saturday at 8.30 a.m. while carrying the blanket inside a gunny bag. At first he said the blanket was given him by a man named Ah Yui, who had gone to country. Later, he changed his story, saying that he had bought it at Lyndhurst Terrace for forty cents.

Mr. Horace Lo contended that he had no case to answer, as it was up to the prosecution to prove that the blanket was actually stolen. Unless the prosecution could prove that, there could be no charge of receiving.

The Magistrate dismissed the case.

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CANTON MOTOR FATALITIES.

CONCRETE POLE WRECKS CAR AND KILLS GIRL.

ONE DRIVER CAUGHT.

Canton, Apr. 27.

Two fatal accidents of a rather unusual nature occurred in Canton yesterday. The first was on the Shaker just near the West Bridge, when a chauffeur driving a public hire car without passengers at an excessive speed knocked down an old woman who was instantly killed.

The chauffeur jumped from the car, ran up the steps of the bridge and into Shamen where he was pursued by both the Canton and Shamen police. He was caught by the latter within a hundred yards of the bridge and handed over to the Canton authorities.

The other accident occurred at 1 a.m. on the Tungshan Road. A young girl student telephoned to

RESIGNED.



Dr. Chu Chao-hsin, who has resigned his posts as Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in the National Government, Foreign Commissioner at Canton, a member of the Kwangtung Provincial Council.

a nearby garage for a car; and a brand new Buick arrived. The chauffeur was apparently taking out this car for the first time, and, instead of putting the engine into first gear, he put it into reverse, stepped on the accelerator and shot across the road backwards, striking one of the new reinforced concrete telephone poles which had only just been erected.

The pole came down, striking telephone wires and bringing down four other wooden telephone poles. The concrete telephone pole fell right across the car, killing the girl instantly and completely wrecking the car. The chauffeur escaped unhurt and immediately ran away; up to the time of writing he has not been caught.

The Canton authorities are certainly doing their utmost to check the large number of daily traffic accidents. In the case of fatal accidents like these, the driver is not only subject to a long term of imprisonment, but his driving licence is revoked for ever as far as Canton is concerned. —Our Own Correspondent.

THE WAR AGAINST KWANGSI.

CANTON TO SUPPLY FORCE OF 67,500 MEN.

FIGHTING BEGUN?

Canton, Apr. 29.

Important military meetings have been held at the Military Headquarters recently regarding the strength of the expeditionary force to be despatched into Kwangsi and the troops to be stationed at Canton for protection, but no definite decisions were arrived at until yesterday.

It has now been decided that the Canton Government will supply ten regiments of troops, strong, and, if necessary, another five regiments, making a grand total of 67,500. These will march into Kwangsi from two directions. One division is to be despatched to Samshui, Honghai and Shihing for the launching of an attack on Wuchow in conjunction with the naval forces, while the other division is to advance to Shikwan, Yuiyuen and Linshan to join the Hunan forces in an attack on Kweilin.

After the departure of the troops, it is understood that the preservation of peace in Canton will be entrusted to General Au Young-kui, Chief of Police, and General Lam Sze-ching, Commander of the Gendarmerie Guards.

It is stated that preparations have already been made by the Kwangsi military leaders to resist the Canton and Hunan invasion; it being decided that General Pei Shung-hai is to protect Kweilin with 20 regiments of troops, 90,000 strong, while General Li Chang-yen is to remain at Nanning.

General Wang Shao-hung will stay at Wuchow to check the Canton forces advancing from the West River districts. Marshal law was proclaimed at Nanning on the 24th and Military Headquarters have been established at Kweilin by General Pei, whilst Generals Wang Ying-yu and Wang Yik-cho have been appointed Commanders of the vanguard forces.

It is reported that fighting has already started between the Hunan and Kwangsi troops near Tung On City, on the Hunan-Kwangsi border. —Nan Chung Po.

MR. CHU CHAO-HSIN RESIGNS.

AFTER INTERVIEW IN HONGKONG.

Canton, Apr. 29.

It is officially announced that Mr. Chu Chao-hsin, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in the National Government, and Foreign Affairs Commissioner here, has resigned his posts.

This decision was reached after Mr. Chu had interviewed General Chan Ming-shu in Hongkong. —Our Own Correspondent.

FAMOUS BOTANIST DIES.

Philadelphia, Apr. 28. The death has occurred of the famous American botanist, Dr. J. W. Harshbarger. —Reuter's American Service.

CHINESE UNIFORM EMBARRASSES.

FORMER OFFICER WHO TOOK A JACKET.

SEQUEL IN COURT.

Wearing a Chinese military uniform, a man who claims to have been an officer in the 19th Nationalist Division of Wuhan, at present without a billet, appeared in the dock at the Central Police Court this morning as defendant on a charge of stealing a jacket from a shop at Des Voeux Road West. He gave the name of Wong Yuen Tack, stating that he was a native of Wan Nam village, Kwangsi.

How Wong should come to this sad plight is not stated, but it may be inferred from his presence in Hongkong at a period coincident with a drop in the fortune of the Kwangsi arms that he is one of those forced to make a hurried flight from Hankow. With no other possessions than the clothes he stands in, he has apparently found the uniform to have caused him much embarrassment here. At any rate, he told the Magistrate (Mr. Hamilton) this morning that he had got into trouble because of an attempt to get rid of the uniform.

He said he knew a man named Chiu Chi-man, who was described as the head of the Yunnanese Association in Hongkong. This man had befriended him and had promised him assistance. Chiu Chi-man was also connected with a shop at No. 158, Des Voeux Road West, and it was to him that he went yesterday for assistance in getting the wherewithal to change into civilian attire.

Chiu Chi-man was not in the shop when he got there, but, finding a jacket hanging in a closet, he assumed it belonged to Chiu and took it. As he went out of the shop, he was seen and arrested by a fooki who claimed the jacket as his.

His Worship gave defendant an opportunity to prove his story and remanded him in police custody for twenty-four hours to enable him to bring the man Chiu forward as a witness.

LOCAL RUSSIAN ASSOCIATION.

FIRST GENERAL MEETING YESTERDAY.

The first general meeting of the Hongkong Russian Cultural Association took place on Sunday at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, a large number of local Russians being present.

The meeting took place as the result of the work of the Initiative Group, whose members were Captain M. M. Afanassieff, Herbert E. Lanepart and Alexis A. Trambitzky.

The Chairman, Capt. M. M. Afanassieff, after referring to the permission obtained from the Hongkong Government for the opening of the Association, read a draft of the rules which was duly approved.

It was decided to take steps for the establishment of a Library and Reading Room and the encouragement of sport activities, such as tennis, etc.

Letters were read from Russian residents of Macao, expressing their sympathy with the Association and their willingness to take part in its activities.

The following were elected to be officers of the Association:—Capt. M. M. Afanassieff, W. C. Feldshov, Cyril Koliushin, H. E. Lanepart, V. J. Levkovich, A. Moiseenko-Velik, and Alexis A. Trambitzky.

GERMAN CHEMISTS AND RUBBER.

IMPROVEMENT IN SYNTHETIC PRODUCTION.

Amsterdam, Apr. 28.

According to the *Telegraph*, the representatives of the German Dye Trust who have just concluded a business tour of the United States, conferred in the course of their visit with representatives of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey with a view to closer co-operation.

Among the subjects said to have been discussed was the production of synthetic rubber, in which, it is reported, very considerable improvements have been made. It appears that gas and petroleum are now being used in the manufacture of the raw material for the synthetic production of rubber. —Reuter.

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was working in front of Christ Church.

The column of water threw Stevens six feet in the air, where he remained momentarily suspended.

He then fell on to the roadway and was picked up unconscious, with severe face injuries. He was taken to the London Hospital.

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On the second charge, his ship imposed a sentence of months' hard labour to run, jointly with the other sentence.

BRITAIN'S RYDER CUP VICTORY.

PROFESSIONALS' GREAT WIN OVER AMERICANS.

DUNCAN BEATS HAGEN

Britain recovered the Ryder Cup by defeating America in the singles at Moorstown on Saturday. The result of the match was as under:

	America.	Britain.
Fourstones	2 1/2	1 1/2
Singles	2 1/2	5 1/2

The most notable victory was that of Duncan, who defeated Hagen, the American Captain, by the large margin of 10 and 8. Other British victories were gained by C. Whitcombe, Compston, Boomer and Cotton, whilst E. Whitcombe halved his match with Espinosa. The only Americans to win were Diegel, who put up a brilliant exhibition against Mitchell, winning by 9 and 8, and Smith.

The weather at Moorstown was fine when the Ryder Cup match was continued today. The crowd was greater than yesterday. Overnight rain had refreshed the course. Singles were played today and the results were as under:

	America.	Britain.
Farrell	- C. Whitcombe (8 & 4)	1
Sarazen	- Compston (16 & 4)	1
Hagen	- Duncan (10 & 8)	1
Diegel (9 & 8)	- Mitchell	1
Turnesa	- Boomer (5 & 3)	1
Smith (4 & 2)	- 1 Robson	1
Espinosa	- E. Whitcombe (1/2 & 1/2)	1
Watrous	- Cotton (4 & 3)	1

C. Whitcombe v Farrell.

A couple of birdies after a half made C. Whitcombe two up at the third. Farrell, outdriven by fifty yards, won the sixth, but Whitcombe held a seven foot putt at the seventh and maintained his lead of 2 up. Farrell was erratic in all departments and allowed Whitcombe to take the fifteenth, sixteenth (the latter in a birdie), seventeenth and eighteenth. Whitcombe was thus six up at the end of the morning round.

In the afternoon, Whitcombe became seven up at the fifth and turned with that lead. He won comfortably by 8 and 6.

Duncan, in his match with Hagen, after four holes had been halved, won the fifth, after pulling his drive into the woods and having to play a provisional tee shot. He turned one up and then won the tenth and twelfth. His tee shot at the latter was two yards from the pin and he got a two. He became four up at the thirteenth and halved the fourteenth and fifteenth. Hagen won his first hole at the sixteenth, but Duncan secured both the seventeenth and eighteenth, the latter costing Hagen six strokes. The cards for the morning round were: Duncan 68; Hagen 76. Duncan finished five up.

Duncan again gave a brilliant exhibition in the afternoon. He became six up at the second and took the sixth and eighth in two and the ninth in four, to become dormant nine. Hagen missed a three yard putt at the tenth and gave Duncan a great win by 10 and 8.

Compston v Sarazen.

Compston was opposed to Sarazen. The American was two up at the sixth. He was hard pressed but saved his lead with brilliant chips and putts. Compston rallied and with birdies at the ninth and tenth brought the match all square. He took the lead for the first time at the sixteenth and held it, finishing one up on the morning round.

Compston started off brilliantly in the afternoon. He won the first

KING'S RECOVERY.

NATIONAL THANK-OFFERING FUND.

London, Apr. 28. An anonymous donor, under the pseudonym "Audax," has written to Lord Stamfordham undertaking to act as a seven years' period a sum of a hundred thousand guineas, to form the nucleus for a National Thank-Offering Fund, to express joy at the King's return to health, the fund to be administered by the King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.—*Reuter*.

three holes and at the turn was 3 up. He then won the eleventh, twelfth and fourteenth and beat his opponent by 6 up and 4 to play.

Mitchell v Diegel.

Diegel was unfortunate in meeting an opponent who was merciless. Diegel reeling off birdies frequently. The American was five up at the thirteenth. Mitchell, who went round in 70, won only the eighteenth during the morning, when he was five down.

Mitchell could not recover in the afternoon and was eventually beaten by 9 and 8.

Boomer v Turnesa.

Boomer played a gallant uphill fight against Turnesa. He was two down at the eleventh and won the last four holes brilliantly. He finished the morning two up.

In the afternoon he continued to do well and won three up at the turn. He won the twelfth and fifteenth and finished with a 5 and 3 victory.

Robson v H. Smith.

Robson, in his match with H. Smith, was one up at the turn. He lost the tenth, but regained the lead at the fourteenth. The American, however, circumvented a stroke to bring the match all square at the eighteenth.

Robson was one up at the turn in the afternoon, but then cracked. Smith reeled off four holes to the fifteen and then held out his approach at the sixteenth, winning by 4 and 2.

E. Whitcombe v Espinosa.

E. Whitcombe and Espinosa finished all square in the morning. Whitcombe had a chance of winning the seventeenth, but failed to take advantage of it.

In the afternoon round, Whitcombe was dormant two but the American won the last two holes and brought the match all square.

Cotton v Watrous.

Cotton and Watrous were the last pair to go out. Cotton was three down at the third, but brought the match all square at the eleventh. Watrous was one up at the eighteenth, where Cotton holed a chip to square the match.

Britain's "Baby" won a fighting match in the afternoon. He turned three up and never lost the lead, winning by 4 and 3.

What The Captains Said.

"They played better golf than us in every match and deserved to win," said Hagen, who, as he stepped off the platform, did not appear to be depressed and threw a kiss to the Cup.

Duncan said, "This is the happiest day of my life."

The whole match opens a new vista for British golf finance by the record attendance.—*Reuter*.

Amateur Championship.

London, Apr. 27.

The popularisation of golf among the masses was evidenced in the English amateur championship on a Cheshire golf course, W. Sutton, of the West Cheshire Artisans Club, beating E. Tipping, of Ashdown Forest, by 3 up and 2 to play. Sutton was one up at the end of the first round.

The match was played at Gosforth.—*Reuter*.

HOME FOOTBALL.

WEDNESDAY FIRST DIVISION CHAMPIONS.

By virtue of the point they scored on Saturday, Wednesday are the season's champions of the First Division. The fate of Bury and Cardiff is now definitely sealed and the two teams will play in the Second Division next year.

Middlesbrough and Grimsby are promoted to the First Division while Clapton Orient and Port Vale are relegated to the Third. The team from the Southern Section to play in the Second Division next year is still in doubt, there still being five teams in the running.

The same applies to the Northern Section where Stockport and Bradford City are fighting neck and neck for promotion. Stockport have 60 points with one match to play, Bradford City being a point behind with a couple of matches to play. No solution of these problems will be forthcoming until next Saturday when the season officially closes.

The match of the day, the English Cup final resulted in a win for Bolton, the match being described elsewhere. Results of League matches, as called by *Reuter* together with revised tables, appear in adjoining columns.

First Division.

Arsenal	1	Leeds	0
Birmingham	3	Bury	0
Blackburn	2	Liverpool	1
Derby	1	Newcastle	2
Everton	2	Manchester U.	4
Huddersfield	1	Leicester	1
Manchester C.	3	Aston Villa	0
Wednesday	1	Burnley	1
Sunderland	4	West Ham	1

FIRST DIVISION TABLE.

Leicester	41	20	9	12	90	66	49
Aston Villa	41	22	4	15	94	80	48
Sunderland	41	20	7	14	93	71	47
Liverpool	41	17	11	13	89	65	45
Derby	41	18	9	14	83	68	45
Manchester C.	41	18	8	16	84	65	44
Blackburn	40	17	14	10	70	61	43
Arsenal	40	15	12	13	73	69	42
Newcastle	41	18	6	17	68	72	40
Everton	42	18	4	20	64	73	40
Leeds	39	10	8	16	68	79	40
Manchester U.	41	14	12	16	60	70	40
Birmingham	41	14	10	17	67	77	38
West Ham	41	15	8	18	65	76	38
Bolton	39	13	11	16	60	69	37
Sheffield U.	40	13	11	16	70	67	37
Huddersfield	40	15	10	17	67	69	36
Burnley	40	16	9	17	77	69	36
Portsmouth	40	15	6	20	64	77	35
Bury	40	12	6	22	60	82	30
Cardiff	41	8	12	21	42	58	28

Second Division.

Barnsley	4	Preston N.E.	1
Blackpool	2	Tottenham	1
Bradford	0	Port Vale	0
Clapton C.	0	Middlesbrough	1
Chelsea	2	Reading	0
Clapton O.	2	Wolves	0
Grimsby	3	Millwall	0
Notts Forest	3	Oldham	0
Stoke	5	Notts County	0
Swansea	0	Hull	1
West Ham	3	Southampton	1

SECOND DIVISION TABLE.

Middlesbrough	41	21	11	9	89	57	63
Grimsby	40	24	5	11	82	57	63
Notts County	42	19	9	14	78	65	47
Bradford	40	21	4	15	86	68	40
Southampton	41	16	14	11	71	60	40
West Brom.	41	19	8	14	80	77	40
Stoke	41	17	11	13	72	49	45
Chelsea	42	17	10	16	64	65	44
Blackpool	41	18	7	16	87	75	41
Tottenham	41	14	12	14	68	62	40
Hull	41	14	12	15	70	60	40
Millwall	41	16	7	18	71	84	39
Preston N.E.	41	15	8	18	75	77	38
Wolves	41	15	7	19	76	70	37
Reading	41	14	9	18	69	84	37
Barnsley	41	15	6	20	67	66	36
Bristol C.	41	13	10	18	68	77	36
Oldham	41	13	10	18	62	72	36
Clapton O.	41	15	8	21	62	74	35
Port Vale	41	14	4	23	60	85	32

Third Division (South).

Bournemouth	4	Gillingham	3
Brentford	0	Plymouth	2
Brighton	2	Newport	1
Charlton	2	Watford	0
Coventry	0	Queen's P.R.	0

SUMMER TIME.

CITIES IN UNITED STATES ALTER CLOCKS.

New York, Apr. 27. Summer time was adopted at two o'clock on the morning of April 28 in New York, and several other cities, embracing roughly a quarter of the population.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Exeter	1	Crystal Pal.	2
Luton	1	Fulham	3
Merthyr	3	Torquay	0
Northampton	3	Bristol R.	1
Norwich	2	Walsall	1
Southend	1	Swindon	1

SOUTHERN SECTION TABLE.

Charlton	41	22	8	11	84	60	62
Northampton	41	20	11	10	95	55	61
Queen's P.R.	41	19	13	9	81	60	61
Fulham	41	20	10	11	100	71	60
Crystal Pal.	40	21	8	11	77	67	60
Plymouth	40	18	12	10	78	51	48
Luton	40	19	10	11	87	70	48
Watford	40	19	9	12	76	68	47
Bournemouth	41	19	9	13	83	78	47
Coventry	41	14	18	10	61	56	41
Southend	41	15	11	15	78	73	41
Exeter	40	13	15	14	68	70	39
Brentford	41	14	10	17	60	69	38
Walsall	40	13	12	16	72	75	38
Brighton	40	16	6	19	56	74	36
Newport	40	13	8	19	65	79	34
Bristol R.	40	13	6	21	59	70	32
Norwich	40	13	6	22	62	70	31
Torquay	40	12	6	22	62	82	30
Merthyr	41	11	8	22	52	102	30
Exeter	41	9	11	21	67	86	29
Gillingham	40	9	9	22	42	80	27

Third Division (North).

Ashington	0	Hull	3
Barrow	1	Tranmere	2
Chesterfield	1	Crew	0
Darlington	0	Accrington	0
Doncaster	0	Stockport	2
Nelson	0	Bradford C.	1
New Brighton	0	Rotherham	1
Southport	0	Hartlepool	2
Sth. Shields	1	Sth. Shields	2
Wrexham	1	Wigan	3

NORTHERN SECTION TABLE.

Stockport	41	27	0	8	108	50	60
Bradford C.	40	25	9	6	122	41	50
Wrexham	41	21	10	10	90	60	52
Doncaster	40	20	9	11	73	62	49
Lincoln	41	21	6	14	60	65	48
Wigan	40	20	8	12	70	47	48
Carlisle	42	19	8	15	80	77	40
Tranmere	41	21	8	17	75	77	45
Sth. Shields	41	18	8	16	82	71	44
Chesterfield	41	18	8	16	71	74	41
Crew	40	16	8	16	73	65	40
Hull	41	13	12	16	61	69	38
New Brighton	41	15	8	18	69	70	38
Southport	41	15	8	18	73	84	38
Nelson	41	17	4	20	73	80	38
Rotherham	41	14	9	18	55	77	37
Rochdale	40	13	10	17	78	88	36
Accrington	41	13	7	21	64	78	33
Darlington	42	13	7	22	64	88	33
Barrow	40	10	8	22	60	86	28
Hartlepool	42	10	8	25	59	112	25
Ashington	42	8	7	25	46	115	23

SCOTTISH LEAGUE TABLE.

Rangers	37	30	0	1	100	42	66
Motherwell	38	20	8	8	85	65	50
Celtic	37	21	7	9	64	46	49
Heart of Midlothian	38	19	9	10	91	67	47
Queen's Park	38	18	7	13	100	69	43
Rangers	38	17	7	14	91	70	41
Aberdeen	38	16	8	14	81	68	40
St. Johnstone	37	16	8	13	77	71	40
Kilmarnock	37	14	7	16	80	73	36
Falkirk	37	13	7	16	67	65	35
Hibernians	38	13	6	19	54	62	32
Airdrie	38	12	7	19	50	65	31
Cowdenbeath	37	13	6	19	51	68	31
Clyde	38	12	6	20	47	71	30
Ayr	37	12	6	19	65	84	30
Dundee	38	9	11	18	59	49	29
Third Lanark	38	10	6	22	71	102	26
Raith R.	38	9	6	23	52	105	24

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DOCKSIDE ENGLISH SCHOOL.

ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY.

Reference to the improved premises at No. 49, Bonham Road, obtained for the use of pupils attending the Dockside English School, and an appeal to parents and guardians, to keep a strict watch on their sons' and wards' conduct out of school hours, were contained in the annual report of the school's activities last year, which was read by Dr. Dixon Chau, the headmaster, at the annual distribution of prizes on Saturday evening. The new premises were taken over in February last and the headmaster explained that they were paying a higher rent but they were the biggest and most spacious premises they had as yet rented, while equipment and sanitary arrangements had been much improved.

There was a large attendance at the prize-giving ceremony, which was held in the school grounds and the proceedings were rendered the more enjoyable by an entertaining programme given on a specially erected stage.

After a pleasing overture had been rendered by the St. Louis Brass Band, Mr. Ko Kan-wing, who presided, gave a short address in the course of which he introduced Mr. W. B. Finnigan, Registrar of the Hongkong University, who distributed the awards to the successful scholars.

Reading the annual report, the Headmaster said, in part:

During the year 1928, the maximum enrolment was 198 as against 164 in the previous year. The number of meetings was 230, and the average daily attendance was 152, about 87%. The percentage of attendance was considerably lowered by the usual departure of a certain number of travelling students, who, I believe, were disappointed by their failure in the school examinations in July and November.

Commercial Subjects.

In our purely commercial class the subjects are very well chosen. We aim at preparing a student to enter the business line with a fair knowledge of commercial subjects, both theoretical and practical. The subjects which we make compulsory for passing our commercial class examination are: English, Arithmetic, Commercial Knowledge, Touch Typewriting, and Book-keeping. General Information, Translation and Mathematics are also taught in this class.

The time-table is divided into two periods: the morning session (from 9 1/4 to 12 1/2) being devoted to theoretical commercial subjects, and the afternoon session, from 2 to 4, being set aside for practical work in Touch Typewriting. Students who have gone through a course of three months in this subject, and who can type accurately at a speed of over 30 words per minute, are awarded certificates. Our Typewriting room is well furnished and is equipped with over ten up-to-date typewriters (mostly "Underwoods") together with other necessary apparatus.

Smoking Prohibited.

We pay attention to moral training as well as to intellectual training. Smoking is now absolutely prohibited within the school precincts. Boys who behave badly are severely dealt with, and those who have got nine demerits are liable to expulsion.

Discipline is said to be "The Life Blood of Schools." Without discipline it is impossible to form character, and the formation of character is vital in education. A school is not merely a place in which to impart knowledge, but is also a seat for the moulding of character and the cultivation of the mind. Good habits are easier to foster when boys are young. Therefore parents should send their boys to school at an age when they are pliable and capable of being moulded.

Moral training can be better acquired in Christian Schools, as due attention is paid to Biblical or Religious Knowledge, which is a very important subject. Amongst living creatures man alone has got an immortal soul. He should know how to discern between good and evil. Prizes and certificates are easy things to gain, but the conquering of oneself is most difficult. "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his own soul?" says Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a pity to see some of our fine young men, who have just graduated from school or university, and who are, perhaps, fortunate enough to hold important posts in the government of their own country, live without knowing that there is a true God. In consequence of this, wherever man tries to live without God, there is bound to be corruption and de-

HANKOW BOYCOTT.

ATTEMPT TO REVIVE THE MOVEMENT.

Hankow, Apr. 27. Local anti-Japanese circles are endeavouring to revive the boycott and a set of demands has been presented to the Foreign Minister with a request that they be forwarded to the Japanese authorities.

The demands include the payment of \$50,000 compensation for the coolie's family; full payment of all strikers; an apology from the Japanese Government to the National Government for the coolie incident; and the rendition of the Japanese Concession.

The endeavour to revive the movement is not expected to succeed, as it is not receiving any encouragement from the Chinese authorities as it is unlikely that the demands will go beyond the Foreign Minister's office.—*Reuter.*

School's Aim.

This is not less true of China than of other countries. Hence, the aim of a school should be to train its pupils to be loyal, faithful and obedient to authority and so to make them good citizens. Now there is one important point that I should like to impress upon parents and guardians, and it is this: that they should do their best to keep strict watch on their sons' or wards' conduct outside school hours as well as not to allow them to stay away from school without sufficient reason. I sincerely hope that they, too, will give their whole-hearted co-operation in helping us to maintain strict discipline.

Mr. Finnigan's Speech.

After presenting the prizes Mr. Finnigan said:

I wish you to join me in congratulating the Principal and staff of Dockside English School on the good work done by the school during the past year.

Among other interesting items of information about the work and aspirations of the school, Mr. Dixon Chau has told us what the school is attempting and doing in the way of character building by the cultivation of good habits and the recognition of the value of discipline. There are a great many people who seem to think that discipline is an exercise to be practised in the class room only, and that it is entirely the business of school teachers to train students to be punctual and diligent, truthful and honest, obedient and courteous, and to exercise patience and restraint, courage and unselfishness, and other goodly virtues.

But the efforts of teachers will be of little avail unless they are supplemented and reinforced by good home training by the inspiration of good example in the home circle. I would therefore appeal to parents and guardians to co-operate wholeheartedly with school authorities in this important matter and to do their utmost to see that the work of the teacher is not neutralised by indifference and slackness in the student's home life.

An Urgent Need.

China is in urgent need of young men and women of strong character, high ideals, and good will and it is up to you to help to supply your country's needs.

In Mr. Dixon Chau the school has not only a capable Principal but also a tactician of no mean order. See what he has done. He has taken up his school from its old location and brought it and set it down at the very doors of the University, to show his students what a noble goal Tai Hok Tong is. Then he has lured the Registrar out into the open, presumably, to let his boys see how perfectly harmless that official is. And I have private information to the effect that he is busy laying his plans to lead a storming party against the Matriculation gate of the University in November. I wish him luck and shall be the first to welcome boys from this school as students at the University. (Applause).

Encouragement.

On occasions like this it is the prize winners who come into the limelight and, while congratulating them on their success, I would like to offer a word of encouragement to those who have not won prizes. If they have striven hard and tried their best they have done well; they have acquired merit and, as you know, all the world admires and respects a good honest trier. Many of the world's most useful citizens and greatest benefactors never appeared in the limelight. They devoted themselves wholeheartedly to their appointed tasks and gave of their best.

Mr. Principal, I am grateful to you for giving me this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the good work that is being done by this worthy institution. I wish it great prosperity and continued success. (Applause).

LABOUR POLICY.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN OPENED.

London, Apr. 28. The Labour election campaign was launched with a big Labour rally at the Albert Hall. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said the first point in Labour's programme was unemployment. "We propose to organise a brain for thinking, and acting for an industrial state." He was of the opinion that the time would come to co-ordinate the spending departments by a Committee over which the Prime Minister would preside, consisting, as a nucleus, of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the President of the Board of Trade and the Minister of Labour, modelled exactly on the basis of the Committee of Imperial Defence, which would be a centre for seeing, thinking, investigating and gathering information regarding unemployment, employment, "markets," currency and "everything relating to active and co-ordinated life in this country."

Emphasising the international importance of domestic industrial policy, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said that the Labour Government would aim at the establishment of a powerful and authoritative International Labour Office at Geneva.

The second point of Labour's programme was international peace, in which connexion Labour wanted peace in Europe, including diplomatic relations with Russia and settlement of the freedom of the seas and a naval agreement with America, upon which Mr. MacDonald wanted Great Britain to be in the forefront in proposals for peace and disarmament.

Mr. MacDonald declared that a Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer would tax the "poisoning infinities of a class-economic parasitism," and concluded, "Our opponents may rest assured that their tremor that we shall lay waste the land and call it progress is only a nightmare after a much too heavy supper."

Mr. Lloyd George's Challenge.

A direct challenge to Mr. Baldwin to say whether, if the Government were defeated Mr. Baldwin would advise H. M. the King to establish a Socialist administration, was made by Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at Milford Haven. He said he believed a Government defeat inevitable. If the Socialists were not in the majority, which certainly they would not be, it depended entirely on Mr. Baldwin whether under those conditions the Socialists would be called on to form a Government. If Mr. Baldwin advised that a Socialist Premier should be his successor, Liberals would neither countenance nor encourage the idea.

ATTACK ON KWANGSI PLANNED.

KWANGTUNG TO TAKE ACTIVE PART.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek returned from Changsha last evening. It is understood that during his visit to the Hunan capital arrangements were completed for launching an anti-Kwangsi expedition, which will consist of four groups of armies commanded respectively by Generals Fan Shih-shan, Chow Lan, Wu Shang and Liu Chien-shu, while Ho Chien will act as Commander-in-Chief over all.

Local headquarters claim that Kwangtung also favours the anti-Kwangsi drive and that three armies are being mobilised at Canton for that purpose. Further, it is stated that General Chan Ming-shu has decided personally to lead the expedition.—*Reuter.*

Aeroplanes to Aid.

Nanking, Apr. 28. Under instructions from Chiang Kai-shek, the Second Air Squadron is preparing to go to Changsha, immediately to participate in the anti-Kwangsi campaign. The squadron consists of two Fokkers, four Ryan monoplanes, and two bombers.—*Reuter.*

LAST STRONGHOLD.

CHANG CHUNG-CHANG DRIVEN OUT OF LUNGKOW.

Lungkow, the last stronghold of General Chang Chung-chang and his followers, has fallen to the Government troops, according to a telegram received by the State Council last night.

The telegram states that General Chang Chung-chang is still at Fushanhsien watching for an opportunity to slip through the Government lines to Tengcho, where a steamer is being held in readiness to convey him to Dairen.—*Reuter.*

Laichow Occupied.

Nanking, Apr. 28. A communique says General Liu Chen-nien's Third Division has occupied Laichow, westward of Lungkow.—*Reuter.*

It looked as if Mr. Baldwin had already made up his mind to do it. He ought to say distinctly before the General Election what he meant.

Mr. Baldwin was not entitled to say to the electors, "If you will not have me, I will see that you have to put up with the Socialists."—*Reuter.*

FENG YU-HSIANG.

DECLARES HIS LOYALTY TO NANKING.

Hankow, Apr. 27. Shao Li-te, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's delegate to Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, has returned here to report to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, who is expected from Changsha this forenoon.

Shao Li-te is accompanied by Hsueh Tu-phih, Minister of Health, who is acting as Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's delegate to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek pro tem. He explained that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's regular delegate, Ma Fushiang, has been despatched to Kansu to study the famine conditions there. Both delegates declare that relations between Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek are most harmonious, and that the reports to the contrary are merely fabrications circulated by their enemies.

They state that Feng Yu-hsiang has not yet recovered from his sickness. He is easily tired and suffers intermittently from fever. Notwithstanding this, he will leave for Nanking before May 10, provided that his illness does not become worse. They explained that he refused the presidency of the Executive Yuan since his health is not sufficiently good to withstand the strain entailed. However, through Hsueh Tu-phih, he reiterates his absolute confidence in the Central Government.—*Reuter.*

BACK TO NORMAL.

NAVAL UNITS TO LEAVE HANKOW.

Hankow, Apr. 27. The situation upriver has returned to normal. The Chinese naval division now at Shao and two gunboats are leaving for Ichang as an official indication that the city has been ceded to the Government. Ichang itself is very quiet.

Liu Hsiang will despatch a detachment of the vicinity, have all been withdrawn into Szechuen and traffic between Ichang and Chungking has been resumed.

Liu Hsiang's troops, who had gone to Wu-Han to interview the Generalissimo and obtain his advice regarding the rehabilitation measures for Szechuen.—*Reuter.*

Cape Town, Apr. 28. The official speeds of Campbell's records were: For five miles, 211 miles per hour; five kilometres, 216 miles per hour and for one kilometre 217 miles per hour.—*Reuter.*

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HONGKONG.**

Huge crowds witnessed the arrival of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester at the Kam Ling Hotel on Saturday, when he attended a luncheon given in his honour by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. On his way from Government House, he passed beneath an elaborate *pai-lau* built by the Chinese community at Whitty Street in honour of the occasion. The *pai-lau*, a masterpiece of craftsmanship, rose to a great height and gave some indication of the kind of decorations which were to be found at the Kam Ling Hotel. The exterior of the building itself presented a gala appearance, and the word "welcome" was well in evidence.

Drawn up outside the hotel was a number of smart looking district watchmen, while many members of the Police Force were on duty to keep back the huge crowds. H.R.H. arrived in company with His Excellency the Governor and Captain Sillitoe, A.D.C., other members of the Duke's suite coming in other cars.

The Duke of Gloucester was greeted at the entrance to the hotel by the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow and proceeded to the second floor of the hotel, where members of the Chamber were introduced to His Royal Highness. The party then entered the luncheon hall, where a most attractive scheme of decoration had been carried out. Flags were hung around the huge room, at the back of the guest's seat being the crossed flags of Great Britain and Nationalist China.

Floral Decorations.

Cut blooms, however, predominated among the decorations. These were tastefully arranged in gold and silver baskets on the tables, while other festoons of flowers hung from the ceiling and were entwined round lamps. Linking the suspended flower baskets were coloured ribbons, while dainty bouquets of blooms in miniature silver vases, were placed before each guest for buttonholes.

The majority of the hosts were already seated when the Duke and his suite arrived. He was conducted to the place of honour by the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow. The hosts numbered nearly two hundred, while the foreign guests were:

H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, H.E. Vice Admiral A. K. Wastell, H.E. Major General J. W. Sandilands, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Victoria, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Valtorta, His Honour Sir Henry Gollan, Mr. Y. Murakami (Japanese Consul-General), Commodore R. A. Hill, Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, Admiral Mende, the Earl of Arlrie, General Sir Hugh Elles, Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, His Honour Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Mr. W. W. Hornell, Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hale, Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Hon. Mr. B. D. P. Beith, Mr. H. Lloyd Thomas, Mr. D. W. Tristram, Captain Kerr, Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, Capt. P. Perfect, Capt. F. G. Sillitoe, Lieut. D. P. Evans, Capt. D. R. M.

PRIESTS KILLED.

**THREE MURDERS REPORTED
FROM HUNAN.**

Peking, Apr. 28.
The United States Legation confirms the killing of three Roman Catholic Fathers in Hunan. The United States Legation also states that it is reported Miss Monsen, of the Norwegian Baptists mission in Shantung, is missing after her ship was pirated off the Shantung coast. No details so far are given, and the name of the ship is unknown.—Reuter.

Cameron and Paymaster Lieut. Comdr. D. W. Pasmore.

The Loyal Toast.

The menu for the luncheon was as follows:

Pigeon's eggs and bird's nest soup.
Fried garoupa.
Shark's fin.
Stewed turtle.
Partridge congee.
Grilled chicken.
Rice-melange.
Mango cream.
Pastry, fruits, tea, etc.

Shortly before the end of the luncheon the sound of a gong was heard, and the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow gave the toast of "The King," saying in Chinese "Great Britain and its Great King, many more thousands of years." The toast was loyally honoured and shortly afterwards His Royal Highness left to attend the races at Happy Valley. The Duke was heard to remark to one of the hosts that the partridge congee had most appealed to his palate. There was another great crowd outside the Kam Ling Hotel to see the Prince depart. Details of the Prince's visit to the race course are given on the sport pages.

The Duke's Departure.

Although there were not such huge crowds in the vicinity of Queen's Pier on the occasion of the departure of the Duke of Gloucester on Saturday evening as there were when His Royal Highness arrived, owing to the fact that thousands were at Happy Valley where the Duke rode in four of the races, and other sporting events in the Colony, yet His Royal Highness was given a very hearty send-off. From an early hour in the afternoon enthusiastic spectators congregated in the vicinity of the pier, watching the arrival of the guard of honour of the 3/15 Punjab Regiment, which marched up with its Band.

Shortly before six o'clock, His Royal Highness, accompanied by H.E. the Governor, and escorted by Police motor cyclists arrived at the pier, and alighting from the car inspected the guard of honour in company with the Governor, attended by H.E. Major-General Sandilands and other officers. The band played the National Anthem and the thousands of spectators stood bareheaded in the drizzling rain.

Tribute to Police.

The Duke then walked along the pier to embark on the launch Britannia for H.M.S. Suffolk, shaking hands with the members of the Legislative Council there assembled to bid him bon voyage, and also members of the Consular Body, Naval, Army and Air Force officers and prominent residents of the Colony.

At the head of the stairs leading down to the launch His Royal Highness, after shaking hands with the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, G.S.P., thanked him very heartily for the Police arrangements which

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Mr. King had made during the stay of the Duke in the Colony and which had tended to make his stay here so pleasant. The Police work had, he said, been admirably carried out.

As His Royal Highness departed on board the launch, a squadron of aeroplanes in formation flew over the harbour, circling it and dipping in Salute over the Suffolk when the Duke had embarked. Simultaneous with the embarkation the guns of the Naval vessels fired the Royal Salute of 21 guns and afterwards the Suffolk was swung round in the harbour and proceeded on her mission to Japan, escorted for some distance by the aeroplanes.

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No convention will be acceptable unless it provided for a marked reduction in armaments and trained reserves. This was of primary interest to Germany, which was prohibited from maintaining such reserves.

The opinion was expressed that a method would be found by which they could be taken into account if the concession were made by all sides. It was urged that the convention in ignoring trained reserves, was inequitable.

Signor De Marinis (Italy) paid a warm tribute to the American concession.

The Dutch representative regretfully renounced the inclusion of trained reserves in the disarmament convention, stating that the renunciation was made in the interests of expediting the Committee's work, but the Netherland Government's opinion was unchanged and if inclusion was not possible the delegation would have to ask the Council to relieve them from the task as they could not accept the responsibility of its non-inclusion. The delegation, therefore, was glad that the decision of the present committee was not the final one.

Russia's Attitude.

M. Litvinoff regretted the exclusion of trained reserves, and stated that his Government was willing to have a reduction of all categories of armaments and armed forces conditionally if the same were similarly applied to other countries.

Lord Cusheundun stated that he was strongly of the opinion that the Committee should include trained reserves. He repeated that he was prepared to make concessions in the interests of the success of the Committee's work and agree to the views of the majority. Any other course would wreck their work, and Count Bernstorff's suggestion regarding trained reserves would be impracticable.

The Chinese delegate, in a long statement, expressed the Government's wish that the Committee's work be expedited and successfully concluded. He denounced conscription as encouraging, *inter alia*, militaristic nationalism which was incompatible with a League of Nations. Conscription allowed the maintenance of trained reserves. Real disarmament was not possible under conscription. The meeting was adjourned until April 29.—*Reuter.*

Sir A. Chamberlain Approves.

London, Apr. 27.

Cordial approval of the concurrence with Mr. Gibson's naval disarmament and military reservist statements was expressed by Sir Austen Chamberlain in a speech at an open air meeting near Wakefield. He said the naval declaration

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tion paved the way to a real advance toward disarmament and again showed how close in these matters were the policies of the United States and Britain.

"Between the United States and us there is no difference of purpose or principle," said Sir Austen Chamberlain. The significance, importance and helpfulness of Mr. Gibson's statement was that by suggesting new criteria of comparison he had made it easier to find a standard whereby reduction might be fixed while taking account of the different circumstances and needs of the Powers concerned.

The Same Desire.

Referring to Mr. Gibson's reservist statement, Sir Austen Chamberlain recalled that only last summer the British Government was denounced because, he said, it had done exactly what Mr. Gibson did at Geneva yesterday. "Now we see that we are moved by the same desire to make progress. Mr. Gibson makes a declaration at Geneva for which we were denounced when we made it a year ago. I do not wish to pretend that all the difficulties are over. We have still a long way to go and many obstacles to overcome, but I hail the American action at Geneva these last few days as a hopeful sign of ultimate success and a very valuable contribution to the cause of disarmament and peace."

Sir Austen Chamberlain reiterated his profound conviction that a British and United States naval agreement would never have been difficult. The difficulty arose because they had to find some equation applicable to our diverse circumstances and those of all the great nations of the world.—*Reuter.*

Home Press Views.

London, Apr. 28.

The deep impression created in this week's events at Geneva is reflected in the leaders in the Sunday papers hailing the American

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1929.

proposals. The Sunday Times thinks the outlook is very hopeful due to the fact that the proposals have "let in a stream of fresh air, of sunny air, of human contact upon the cold, morgue-like atmosphere of the experts and their formulae."

The Observer declares that Mr. Hoover has given the world the precise opportunity it needs. "Only madness now could fail to grasp it."

The News of the World urges all to "strike while the iron is hot," and Reynolds' Illustrated News says: "Let us not merely welcome the spirit of the American proposals but offer to do something very much bigger."—*Reuter.*

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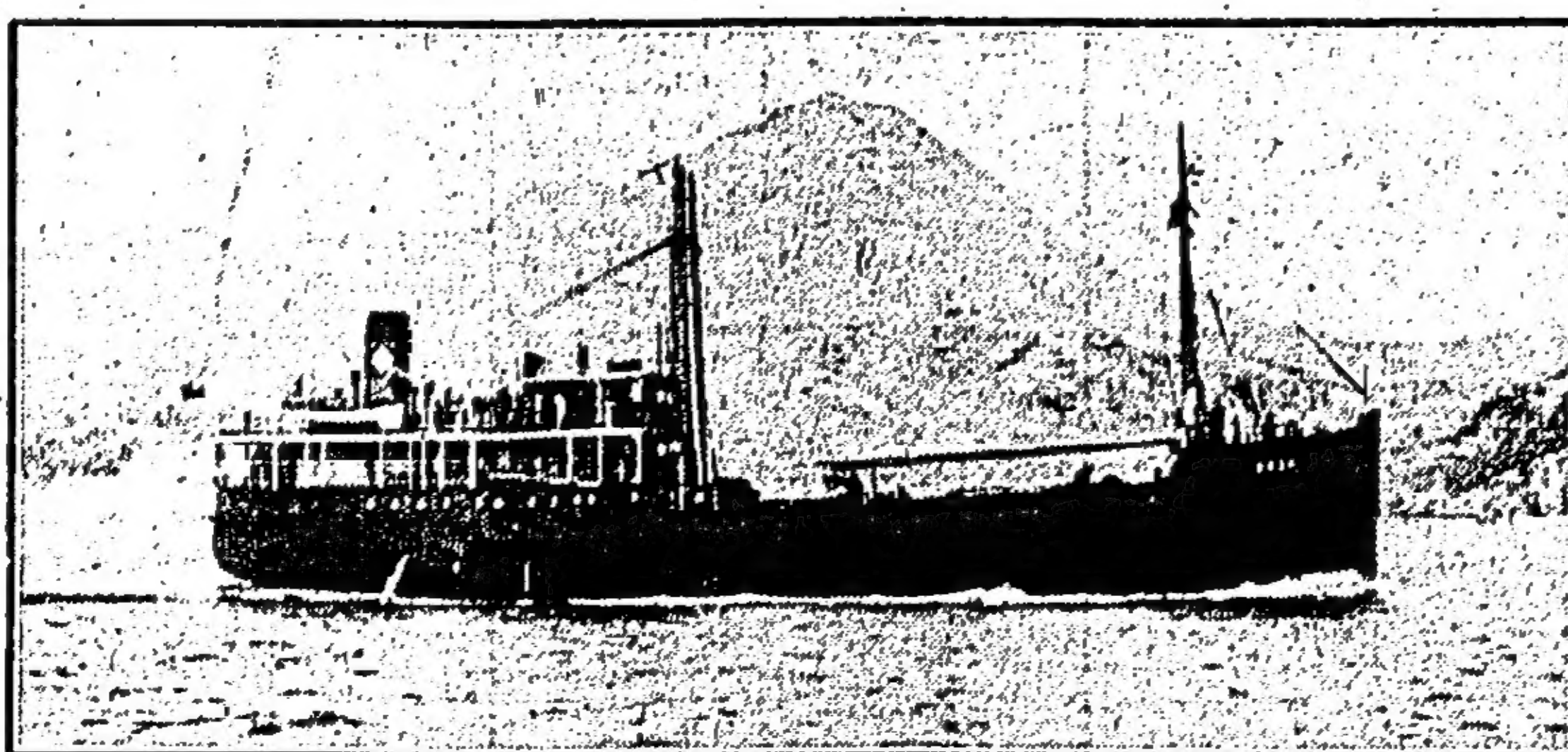
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Two old operatic favourites were staged by the Italian Grand Opera Company at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, over the week-end—namely, "La Traviata" on Saturday and "The Barber of Seville" on Sunday. Both drew large and most appreciative houses, and it is a tribute to the versatility of the Company that two such entirely dissimilar themes should be interpreted with equal excellence.

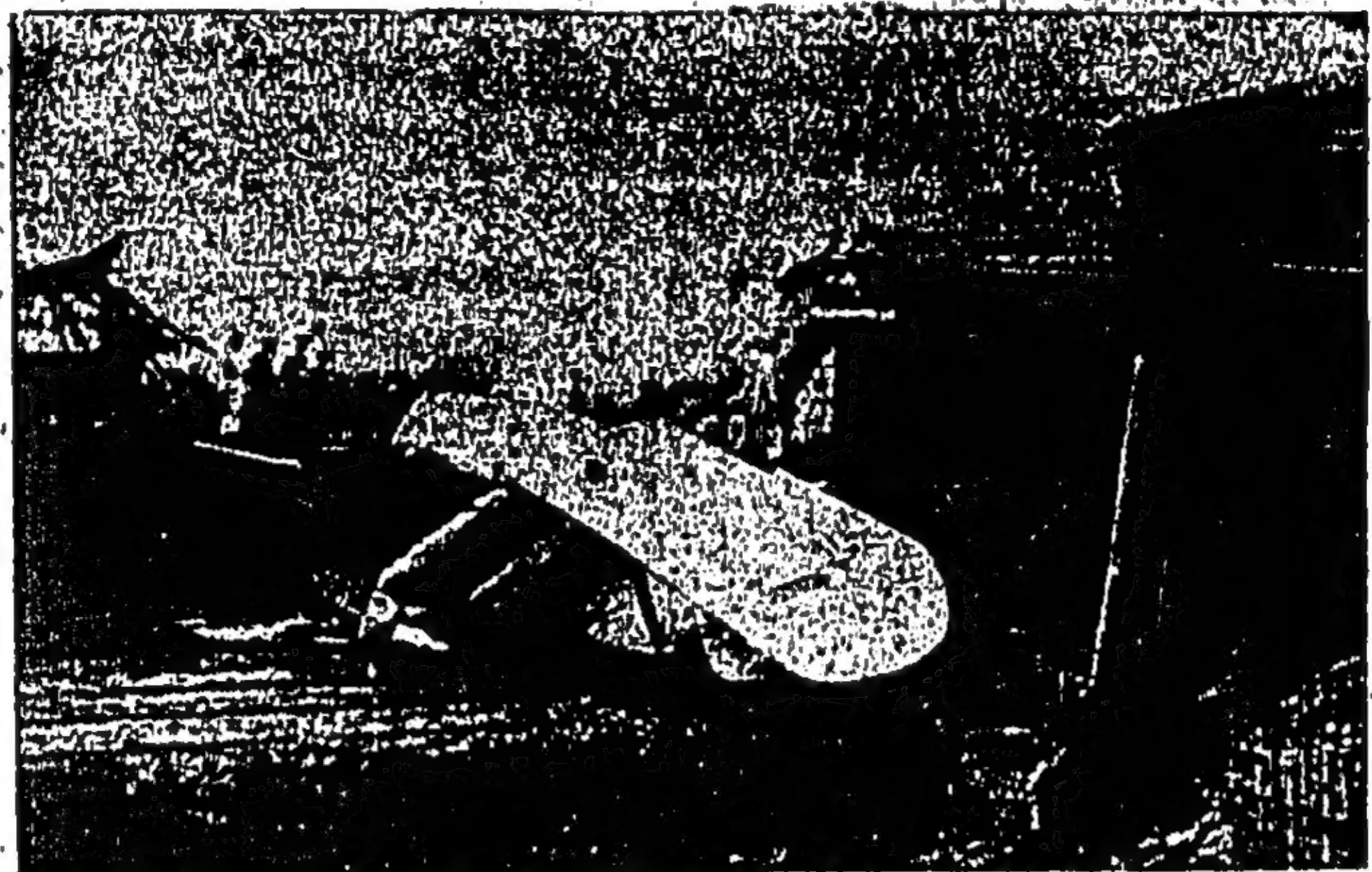
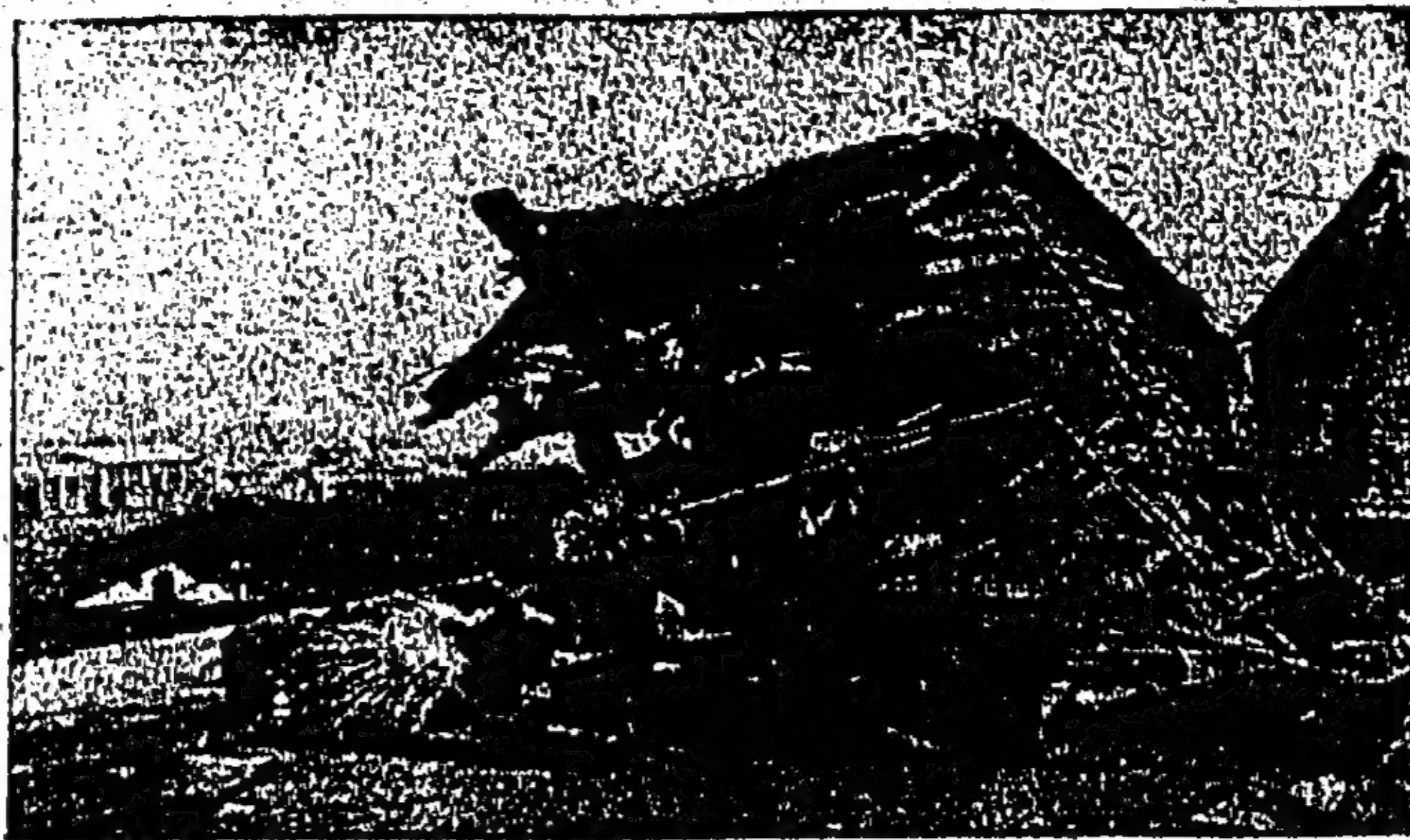
"La Traviata," with its wealth of lovely melodies, was a triumph for Signorina Henkina, Signor Geletta and Signor Reali—an unusually talented trio, on whom the bulk of the work fell. Signorina Henkina took the part of Violetta and she was all that could be desired. She sang with flawless purity and was particularly good

in her more dramatic work, proving herself a most accomplished actress as well. Opposite her, Signor Geletta was ideally cast for the part of Alfredo, and of him also it can be said that he scored one of his biggest successes; whilst Signor Reali as Alfredo's father enhanced his high reputation by his fine singing. The minor roles were ably filled, whilst the chorus work and the orchestral support was all that could be wished. Naturally, the production suffered somewhat by reason of the limited stage accommodation, but apart from this performance was in every way what one would have expected from such a talented company. Mr. Carpi has certainly brought us a most accomplished body of singers and actors.

"The Barber of Seville," with its wealth of delightful music and quaint humour, was another big success, all the principals being in fine voice. To-night, "Madame Butterfly" will be the attraction.

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SATURDAY'S AEROPLANE CRASH.



Above are two pictures of the aeroplane crash which occurred near the Kai Tak Aerodrome on Saturday evening, resulting in the death of three Chinese. Top, the demolished tea-shed, bottom, the damaged plane as it came to rest in a paddy field. (Courtesy of the Wah Kiu Yat Po).

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We much appreciate this latest gift, which comes in time for despatch to London by cable, so as to be included in the Lord Mayor's Fund and thus be eligible for the Government £ for £ grant.

The total received by the Telegraph to date is \$9,189.33 and £2 16s. The final draft for inclusion in the Lord Mayor's Fund is being cabled to London to-day.

We have to thank all who have subscribed so liberally to the Fund, and hope shortly to publish a full list of donors.

BRITISH OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

FORTY-FIVE AMATEURS IN HUGE ENTRY.

London, Apr. 28.

Forty-six amateurs, including five Americans, are among the 242 competitors in the British Open Golf Championship, which opens at Muirfield on May 6th.

Walter Hagen is the holder of the title, and he will naturally defend. There are eleven competitors from France, one from Germany, one from Argentina, and five from the British Dominions.—*Reuter*.

MAJOR SEGRAVE'S KNIGHTHOOD.

HONOUR BESTOWED BY HIS MAJESTY.

London, Apr. 28.

H.M. the King bestowed on Major Segrave the accolade of Knighthood at Bognor yesterday.

After the ceremony, Sir Henry Segrave spent some time with His Majesty and gave his own impressions of the great feat he accomplished on Daytona Beach.

Afterwards, Sir Henry was presented to the Queen and lunched with Her Majesty.—*British Wireless*.

INDIAN FRONTIER FIGHTING.

SHIAH'S RESISTANCE COLLAPSING?

BRITISH INTERVENTION MAY BE NECESSITATED.

AGGRESSORS LOSING.

Peshawar, Apr. 28.

The tribal war in Afridi country, which has threatened to involve British troops on the North-West Frontier, has now reached a stage where intervention may become necessary.

The Shiah tribe, which was responsible for the opening of the campaign by attacking the Sunnis in an attempt to recover territory captured by the Sunnis in 1917, has now been forced to fight on the defensive.

The Sunnis have been joined by the Afridis in the fighting against the Shiahs, who however continue to hold their main positions against their fierce opponents, and have managed to seize the Manikialdarah Valley.

Shiahs Weakening.

It is, however, apparent that the resistance of the Shiahs is beginning to weaken, and there are signs of an early collapse of their defences. Hitherto, the Sunnis have had difficulty in forcing home their attacks owing to the mountainous nature of the region, but it seems that they have overcome the transport problem, and are bringing up supplies in order to press their operations.

The latest news reveals that they have already opened an offensive on an extensive scale, and that the Shiahs are hard pressed.

Warned Against Attacks.

The Chief Commissioner on the North-West Frontier has sternly warned the Afridis and the Orakzais against treating inhumanely any of the Shiah tribesmen that may fall into their hands, special mention being made of a number of the Shiahs still living in the Orakzais country, numbering at least a hundred families.—*Reuter*.

The British authorities are apprehensive that the tribal fighting may spread into British territory. The war in Tirah has been in progress for over a month, and the dangerous aspect, from the British viewpoint, is that the war fever may spread to other tribes, thus starting a general upset along the frontier.

Britain Watching.

It seems probable now that this particular fear will not be realised though a close watch is being kept on the situation, and British troops are ready for action. The Orakzais are open to suspicion, but up to the present, they have not taken any active part.

The war was planned by the Shiah (who now appear to be "os-

COMPRADORE'S SON ESCAPES.

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SHANGHAI INCIDENT.

Shanghai, Apr. 29.

Kidnapped more than three weeks ago, Chun Kee-wei, the son of Mr. Chun Bing-him, the veteran compradore of Messrs. Burkill and Sons, has succeeded in making his escape.

It was on April 4th that the kidnapping took place. Chun Kee-wei, who assisted in the accounts of his father had left the Central district late in the afternoon, and was going in the general direction of his residence on Range Road. He had stopped to deliver a package on Haining Road, and while he remained in his motor car, after sending his chauffeur inside with the parcel, a number of armed men—reports say at between three and five—approached the machine and presented their pistols.

One of the gang took the wheel and the car was driven off to parts unknown, and the victim was taken to their hotel. The machine was found later in the night on Kwenming Road in the Wayside district, where constables noticed that it had been abandoned.

The kidnapped man had previously been the recipient of several threatening letters during the recent months, but he has more or less disregarded them.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

THE SHANGHAI VOLUNTEERS.

BIG MUSTER AT ANNUAL INSPECTION.

Shanghai, Apr. 29.

There were 1,300 Volunteers present at the annual inspection of the Corps, which took place on Saturday. They presented a very smart appearance.

Brigadier-General Borrett was the inspecting officer.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

They have built forts along the border of the "Guaranteed Area" north of Kohat-Thal Pass, which was given to the Shiahs by Britain when they were expelled from other territory by the Sunnis. It was this territory that they hoped to get back by a renewal of hostilities after twelve years.

The counter-invasion by the Sunnis and their allies, the Afridis, which appears to be imminent, will probably involve the invasion of British territory also, which would necessitate British intervention.

The North-West Frontier forces are anxious not to take part in the Afridis, but an incursion over the border will force their hand. The Kohat column is ready for immediate action, and R.A.F. aeroplanes are engaged daily in reconnaissance.

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